

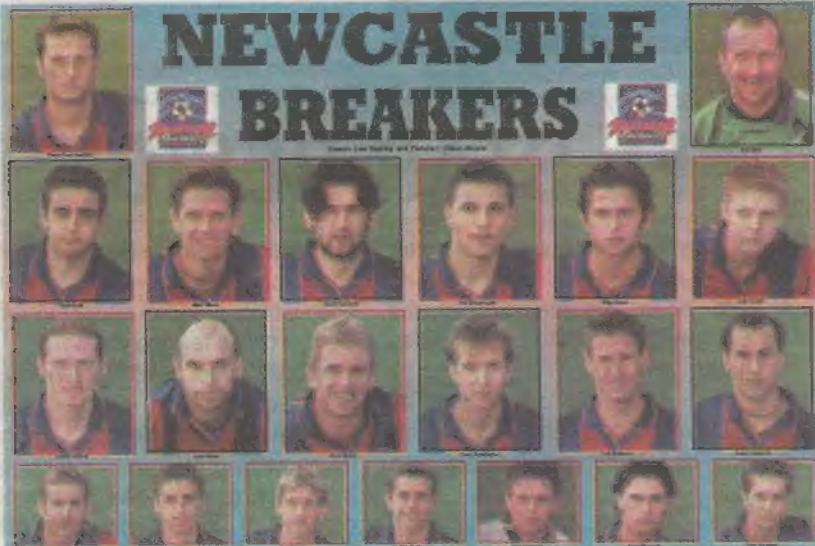
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WHERE IS CARDOZO?

By John Economos

Pablo Cardozo, Sydney Olympic's exceptionally stylish striker and consistently the National Soccer League's high scoring marksman, somewhat incredibly has never been drafted into a national squad. Further still, and amazingly so, Cardozo has never been selected for any national squad at any level.

Despite being the League's most consistent goalscorer over the past three consecutive seasons, Cardozo most mysteriously remains unjustifiably uncapped for Australia.

It happened yet again last week. This time Australia's recently appointed new national coach Frank Farina didn't give Cardozo a fleeting thought.

A huge 27 man squad (see Page 2) was released by Farina to the media for Australia's two coming matches next month, in Sydney and Melbourne, against the touring, and fully anticipated to be, Brazil's Olympic team.

Provisionally, Farina has selected no less than six strikers in this squad, yet the name of the high scoring Cardozo was again missing.

For the past three seasons, Cardozo has been the League's top, or near top goalscorer, yet still he fails to earn selection by a national coach.

To quote the Late Professor Julius Sumner-Miller who used to repeatedly question, but in the field of physics, not Soccer: "And why is this so?"

The six strikers that Farina last week drafted into his provisional squad were: Paul Agostino, John Aloisi, Sean Babic, Aurelio Vidmar, Mark Viduka and David Zdrilic.

But surely Cardozo rated a call up in front of at least two of the above selected.

Last Saturday week, Cardozo exploded into action as he rattled up the NSL's first hat-trick of the season against the

Wollongong Wolves at Brandon Park, to steer his Sydney team to a crushing 0-4 win.

It's been rumoured that Cardozo has never been able to capture the eye of any national selector due to his lack of mobility plus the much higher profile possessed by most of the other strikers from our European 'foreign legion'.

As for pace, three of the above six strikers selected by Farina have little, or no mobility whatsoever.

And as far the technical skills department is concerned, Cardozo unquestionably can more than match the entire six named above.

The NSL's 26 year old ace-striker, with his exceptional vision, superb silky skills and undoubted capacity to consistently hit the target, surely deserved a call up to wear the 'Green and Gold'.

It's not only Cardozo's gifted ability to score that makes him such a very valuable player. He is also possessed with a great degree of unselfishness.

This wonderful attribute, galvanised with his most splendid flair for creativity, has enabled Cardozo to set up numerous goals over the seasons for his team-mates, ala what the fabulous Paul Trimboli has been doing for years with current Australian League champions, South Melbourne.

How many times have we witnessed the skilled Cardozo, with stealth, drift to drag his 'minder' out wide and out of action, before suddenly unleashing a lethal and most accurate quality cross into the box for another to score?

For the Sydney match, against Brazil (November 14th), Farina will assemble his squad and base it at the plush Star City Hotel whilst contemplating the use of North Sydney Oval as his training pitch.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD ON PAGE 2



Pablo Cardozo: Seen here in action for his Club Sydney Olympic. But why has the National Soccer League's magnificent ace goalscorer never been called up for national duty? At any level?

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The Australian squad to take on Brazil next month

NAME	CLUB	POSITION
AGOSTINO Paul	TSV 1860 Munich (Germany)	Striker
ALOISI John	Coventry City (England)	Striker
BABIC Zeljko	Marconi Stallions (Australia)	Striker
BOSNICH Mark	Manchester United (England)	Goalkeeper
CORICA Steve	Wolverhampton Wanderers (England)	Midfielder
EMERTON Brett	Sydney Olympic (Australia)	Midfielder
FOXE Hayden	Hiroshima Sanfrecce (Japan)	Defender
JOHNSON Richard	Watford (England)	Midfielder
KALAC Zeljko	Roda JC (Holland)	Goalkeeper
KEWELL Harry	Leeds United (England)	Midfielder
LAYBUTT Steve	Bellmare Hiratsuka (Japan)	Defender
LAZARIDIS Stan	Birmingham City (England)	Defender/Midfielder
MOORE Craig	Rangers (Scotland)	Defender
MORI Damion	Adelaide Force (Australia)	Striker
MUSCAT Kevin	Wolverhampton Wanderers (England)	Defender
OKON Paul	Florentina (Italy)	Defender/Midfielder
POPOVIC Tony	Hiroshima Sanfrecce (Japan)	Defender
SCHWARZER Mark	Middlesbrough (England)	Goalkeeper
SIMUNIC Josip	Hamburg (Germany)	Defender
SKOKO Josip	Hajduk Split (Croatia)	Midfielder
TATTO Danny	Manchester City (England)	Midfielder
TOBIN Alex	Adelaide Force (Australia)	Defender
VIDMAR Aurelio	Adelaide Force (Australia)	Striker
VIDMAR Tony	Rangers (Scotland)	Defender
VIDUKA Mark	Celtic (Scotland)	Striker
ZDRIUC David	SSV Ulm (Germany)	Striker
ZELIC Ned	TSV 1860 Munich (Germany)	Defender/Midfielder

The squad will be reduced to 18 players by November 7.

Perth Glory coach Bernd Stanger.
Picture by Richard Kreider.**STANGE TO
HELP FARINA****Richard Kreider**

Socceroo coach Frank Farina will be calling on Perth Glory coach Bernd Stange in the very near future in order to seek his advice on various issues according to his column in The West Australian yesterday. "I would be a fool if I did not tap into his vast experience," said Farina. "He was East German national team coach for a long number of years before he took over at Perth Glory. It's exceptional what he's done so far in Perth. Farina admits he is still learning and believes people like Stange could play a part in the way he approaches things.

Four of his current Socceroo squad, Ned Zelic, Paul Agostino (1860 Munich), Joe Simunic (Hamburg SV) and David Zdrilic (SSV Ulm) all play in Germany and Stange could also be called on as an interpreter when Farina needs to contact the respective German coaches.

AFL STAR RESIGNS

Victoria's new sports minister Justin Madden stepped down as chairman of the Carlton Soccer Club last Friday night.

"He made his last speech as Carlton chairman and resigned his position," Carlton director Peter Jess said.

"He said he recognised soccer was the largest participatory sport in Victoria and he was pleased to be part of it," Jess said.

A former Australian Rules Football champion ruckman with Essendon and Carlton, Madden agreed to join Carlton only a few months ago.

Nobody could have foreseen the dramatic political events, with Madden standing for the Labor Party, winning office and a ministry at his first attempt, after the shock demise of former premier Jeff Kennett and his coalition government.

	Adelaide Force	Auckland Kingz	Brisbane	Canberra	Carlton	Gippsland	Marconi	Melbourne K	Newcastle	Northern Spirit	Parramatta	Perth Glory	Sth Melbourne	Sydney Olympic	Sydney United	Wollongong
Adelaide Force	X	9 13	20	15	5	32	19	34	18 26	30	2-1	22	7	28	24	11
Auckland Kingz	27 31	X	33	14	0-3	10	29	12	22	26	16	18	1-0	24	20	5 7
Brisbane Strikers	2-1	19	X	21	7	11 34	17	15	28	22 32	5	24	9	30	26	13
Canberra Cosmos	3-0	32	0-1	X	24 28	19	34	18	9	13	22	5	26	0-1 11	7	30
Carlton	23	15	25	6 10	X	1-1	21	2-1	13	17	8	27	30 32	19	11	34
Gippsland Falcons	14	28	16 29	33	20	X	12	31	5	9	18 24	0-1	22	7	1-1	26
Marconi Stallions	33	11	18	16	0-4	30	X	14	24	7 28	15	20 31	5	26	22	9
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Perth Glory	0-0	17	6	23	9	15	3-3 13	8 21	30	34	25	X	11	32	28	19
South Melbourne	25	21	27	8	12 14	3-0	23	6	19 34	2-0	29	10	X	17	31	15
Sydney Olympic	10	6	12	20 29	33	25	8	27	2-2	23	31	14	18	X	34	1-1 21
Sydney United	6	2-1	8	25	29	21	1-2	19 23	32	0-2	12 27	10	13	16	X	18
Wollongong Wolves	29	23 25	31	12	16	8	27	10	20	6	14	33	2-1	0-4 22	17	X

Numbers indicate which round the match will be played in. Home teams listed vertically.

MARCONI UNDERMANNED FOR CLASH WITH NSL CHAMPIONS

By John Economos

Marconi has to do battle against the Australian League champions of the past two years, South Melbourne, without one and possibly two of their giant stoppers this Sunday at Marconi Stadium.

Definitely missing the action will be the suspended Mark Babic who last Sunday was sent off five minutes before halftime in a match where Marconi struggled to down a defiant Sydney United 1-2 at the Sydney United Sports Centre.

Marconi's other stopper, Dominic Longo, is also in doubt and could miss this match after being forced to come off with an injury against United.

It's almost certain that Marconi's coach Eddie Krncevic will slot into Babic's spot the unyielding Mike Smith.

Should Longo also be unavailable, Krncevic is in the fortunate position of having a quality tough central defender in young Buddy Farah.

The Marconi coach said last night to ABSW: "Which ever way you look at it, this is going to be a real tough game. South are the League champions for the

past two years.

"As far as our win against United last Sunday goes, it was a scrappy match.

"But I was very pleased with the



Mike Smith: Likely to slot in as stopper.

final result, considering that we were a goal down plus being a man down by half-time.

"Yet we came back to win the match and take all three points," ended the always placid and suave Krncevic.

Marconi struggled to overcome a defiant and luckless Sydney United last Sunday, as United had hit the base of the upright twice through Mario Jerman and Tommy Podeljak.

In contrast, reigning League champions South Melbourne easily cruised to a 3-0 win over the Gippsland Falcons at the Bob Jane Stadium.

Two of South's goals were scored by mobile striker Michael Curcija whilst powerful defender Con Blatsis nailed South's second during the second half.

South's magnificent captain Paul Trimboli will be making his 351st appearance in the NSL this Sunday at Marconi Stadium.

In fact it was in the Marconi Stadium that the fabulous Trimboli racked up his 'triple ton' in the League, in the clash which South won 0-2.

Marconi's skipper Brad Maloney may make his first start

of the season against South.

Last Sunday against United he came on off the bench to finish the match with no mishaps.

In fact it was Maloney that hit

Marconi's winner in the 62nd minute that ultimately enabled his side to take back home 'across the road' all three most valuable League points.

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Andy Harper, the Newcastle Breakers' mercurial striker at 32 years of age, like a fine quality vintage wine, has become a far better player as the years roll on.

It's no accident that the Breakers from four outings to date still remain undefeated.

The highly intelligent and constructive 'Harps' not only has already scored two goals, but far more significantly has set up another three for his colleagues.

Against the Northern Spirit two weeks ago, Harper, in real 'Trevor Brooking style', split the

entire Spirit defence with an absolutely immaculate flat through-ball for teenage midfielder Greg Owens to race onto and open the 'innings' for the Breakers.

Midway through the second session, and with the Breakers hanging on to their slender but precious lead, Harper drifted deep into the midfield to stiffen and guide the 'gear-box' line.

Harper's huge experience, vision and commitment, galvanised with his also vastly experienced team-mate and goalkeeper Bobby Catlin, has moulded the young Breakers into a dangerous and unpredictable force.

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Zoran Matic, who will certainly lose the services of his international goalkeeper Jason Petkovic, swiftly sealed the signing of former Canberra Cosmos custodian Vilson Knezevic last week.

Petkovic is in England and about to sign up with Division One side Charlton Athletic but is experiencing some difficulty in obtaining a British work permit.

Grierson is now the fourth player Kosmina has drafted into the Strikers' squad from the Gold Coast.

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Tomorrow morning (Wed) at 4.45am in the Champions League matches sees the following clashes take place:

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Real Madrid vs Olympiakos.
PSV Eindhoven vs

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Jason Petkovic: Lost to Adelaide with or without British work permit.

Should he miss out in obtaining his essential work permit, Petkovic has already notified Adelaide City that should he be forced to return to Australia he will move to Perth where the Glory would hungrily snap him up.

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Jason Petkovic: Lost to Adelaide with or without British work permit.

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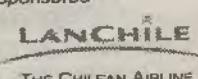
Sunday 31st October

11.00am	+35	2	Turkey	v	Korea
12.30pm	U16	1	Uruguay	v	Portugal (Round 3)
2.00pm	U16	1	Chile	v	Turkey
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surgery for a complete reconstruction.

This season, again disaster struck during pre-season as Tony sustained a stress fracture to his ankle.



Tony Perinich: At last on the pitch with the Spirit.

The 27 year old former Wollongong Wolves striker is expected by coach Graham Arnold to fill the vacuum left behind by the departure of lanky striker Clayton Zane who last week was sold to Norwegian club side Molde F.K. for \$700,000.

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Clint Bolton: The Strikers' goalkeeper knocks up 150 not out.



Clint Bolton: The Strikers' goalie knocks up 150 not out.

Suncorp Stadium made his 150th appearance for the Queensland side.

Bolton at the age of 18 years made his debut for the Strikers back on October 23rd 1993 against the Parramatta Eagles, a game which ended in a 1-1 draw.

up to Newcastle to watch his former club lock horns with the Auckland Kingz.

The lanky Olympics striker who is expected to fly out of Sydney later this week to start his European career with Norwegian side Molde FK, wanted to have one last look at his former Newcastle side prior to his departure.

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Paul Williams: SBS' ace commentator and journalist will present tomorrow night (Wed 27th Oct), a Special Feature Report on Australian Soccer players who have



Dean Anastasiadis: Carlton's goalie knocks up his 50.

Dean Anastasiadis, another goalie, last Friday night played his 50th game for Carlton against the Melbourne Knights and celebrated his milestone as his team won 2-1.

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Clayton Zane: last Friday night made the journey

By John Economos

set out for fame, fortune and football in Europe, but have ended with their dreams in tatters with the harsh realities of life in a foreign country.

Making the 'Big Time'



Paul Williams: SBS' journalist with Special Report.

for many is not what they expected. SBS will screen this Special Report tomorrow night at 7pm on Toyota World Sports.

In his Report, Williams looks at two such Australian players who have since returned to link up again with the NSL.

Both David Seal and

Alvin Ceccoli are the subjects.

Williams' meticulously prepared Report makes for essential viewing for all young and inexperienced Australians, yearning to cut loose and rush off to Europe seeking instant fame and fortune.

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Wynton Rufer, the Auckland Kingz' spectacular striker, last Friday night in just half a second, gave 6,000 plus Newcastle fans huge joy, but in the same moment, great heartache.

With the Breakers leading for almost the entire match by one goal, the 37 year old striker, smashed an unbelievable goal which may take many years for the Soccer fans to see again. If ever.

The former World Cup wonder marksman, latched onto a cross he allowed to go behind him, and with 'blind vision' connected with a left footed side volley that rocketted just inside the left upright to force a 1-1 draw and rob the Breakers of two extremely valuable League points.

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Levant Osman, the Auckland Kingz' outstanding Australian central midfielder, last

The Australian Olympic midfielder is, 22 years old.

Seeing this nonsensical blockade suddenly being imposed on his Australian midfielder, the Kingz' sullen player/coach Wynton Rufer immediately instructed all of his squad immediately leave the premises.

'Good Oil' being present to witness the security guard's senseless directive, jumped in and pleadingly vouched that the accused 'Under aged player' (Osman that is), was in fact 22 years of age as well as being a member Raul Blanco's Australian Olympic squad.

The guard arrogantly rejected 'Good Oil's explanation and continued to firmly stand his ground.

Thankfully a high ranking Breakers' official arrived and ultimately cleared the way for Osman to finally be allowed entry into the Club.

'Matt Dillon' (the guard that is), seconds later went off duty and in a real huff.

Somewhat reluctantly it was then, and then only, that the by now most unimpressed and nonsense Rufer, relented and ordered all his players to come back inside the Club for that by now, unwanted drink.



Levant Osman: Certainly not underage.

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MATIC RINGS THE CHANGES

By Allan Crisp

The winds of change are blowing through the corridors of power at the Adelaide Force Football Club.

And it is in the crucial goalkeeping area that the stability of the triple championship winning club is receiving the biggest shake-up.

The introduction of beanstalk shot-stopper Vilson Knezevic against Perth Glory last Sunday, heralded the third Force change in custodian in four weeks.

That switch followed an uninterrupted 151 successive games from Socceroo goalkeeper Jason Petkovic, who racked up his record tally during a glorious stint that stretched

the Adelaide club, which previously housed other goalkeeping greats in Peter Marshall, Roger Romanowicz, Willy McNally and ex-West Ham United glove-man, Bobby Ferguson.

Since Petkovic began exploring the prospects of an overseas career, the Force have tried youngsters Anthony (Tassie) Breaden and Jonathon Lihou in between the sticks.

Breaden had the job for the opening NSL games against Canberra Cosmos and Brisbane Strikers, but after conceding five goals in that spell, has been told his services are no longer required.

Darwin-born Lihou made his debut when the Force triumphed 2-1



over Parramatta Power and returned a mixed bag of superb saves and a dreadful error of judgement which allowed Peter Bennett the easiest goal he is likely to net.

Also given their marching orders last week were, skilled midfielder Corey Artone and striker Danny Vidakovic.

Artone's release from a two-year contract paved the way for him to join Eddie Krncevic the Marconi coach, who when he was in charge at Carlton, actively pursued the 24-year old player.

A former Adelaide City junior and Adelaide Sharks player, Artone said he would have preferred to have remained in his home State where he recently built a home.

But, his desire to play at the highest level prompted the ambitious playmaker to make the switch.

Force coach Zoran Matic believes Artone, 25, succeeded another Perth champion, Robert Zabica, at

Petkovic, 25, succeeded another Perth champion, Robert Zabica, at

from the 1994/95 season to the final match of last season.



Vilson Knezevic: Adelaide's third keeper this season.

"They (Artone and Vidakovic) are not close to (making) the team. "At



Jason Petkovic: Played 151 successive games for Adelaide City.

the moment we have a large group of people and I have to concentrate on working with a smaller group."

Breaden, understudy to Petkovic for the three seasons he was at the Force, parted on a bitter note, saying, "They needed me for the first couple of matches, but now they don't. I'm really p... off."



The good news for Force fans is that further recruiting is set to strengthen the squad with Marcel Rodriguez, 31, the elder brother of Igor, ready to join forces with his sibling, pending visa approval.

Left wing back, Marcel, played for Corinthians in the Brazilian first division.

A 25-year old defender from Ghana, who played in the 1993 World Youth Cup final against Brazil at the Sydney Football Stadium, also is being sought.

Matic is not expecting an early arrival from the player, so is keeping the wraps on the potentially exciting signing until closer to the event.

But the new man is used to riding on the crest of winning waves, having also been a member of Ghana's Under 17 squad which won the World Championship in 1991.

Allan Crisp can be heard on Adelaide radio 5RPH (1197AM) with John Perin and Robbie Popplestone on Tuesdays from 7.30am-9am.

WOLLONGONG SIGN OVERSEAS STRIKER

By Otto Bader

Former English professional Stuart Young, 26, signed for Wollongong Wolves last week with the expectation of scoring plenty of goals.

Young arrived from Singapore after completing his commitments with the Woodlands Wellington F.C.



Young began his career as captain of the Under 11 Hull side and scored 56 goals in 24 games.

He has continued to score ever since at a variety of levels, whilst playing for the Youth and Reserve teams at Arsenal, four division 2 and 3 clubs in England and two first division clubs in the Singapore League, where he has scored over 32 goals in two years and won the S-League Golden Boot Award last season.

The locals are most curious to check out this soccer-wanderer. Time will tell if coach Nick Theodorakopoulos has picked a winner.

Wollongong Wolves administration officer Susan Chiarello says that 6200 free season passes have been mailed to junior players in the Illawarra dis-

trict up to Under-12s, while discounted season passes have been sent to juniors from under-13s to under-18s.

Wolves team manager Jesse Macchaone joined the club at its birth in 1981 and shows no signs of retirement.

He never shies away from organising any difficult task for coach Nick Theodorakopoulos and his players such as booking transport, accommodation, etc.

Another long serving member of the staff is strapper Paul Watson, now in his seventh year.

He also is heavily involved in local soccer as President of Premier League club Northern United.

It's unbelievable how he finds the spare time to do both jobs voluntary.



Jesse Macchaone: Wolves team manager.

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(Women's National League)

ROUND 6

SASI PIRATES 3 (Jessica Halfpenny 2, 93, Rebecca Morrison 54) defeated ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE 0 at Ainslie Football Club, Canberra.

SASI Pirates: Wirkus, Vozzo, Winn, Morris, May (Alagich), Stocco, Spagnolletti (Prince), Thomas (Baker), Morrison (Gawlik), Moore (Matto), Halfpenny.

ACTAS Canberra Eclipse: Beattie (Tifan), Foxhill, Taylor, Doyle, Borucinski, Munoz, D Hepperlin (Rawson), Karp, Staniforth (Madden), Channing, Kilpatrick (Pelle).

QAS STING 3 (April Mann 10, Lisa Dunne 63, Olivia Hohnke 77) defeated **VICTORIA VISION 1** (Caroline Saville 76) at Epping Soccer Stadium, Melbourne.

NSW SAPPHIRES 3 (Michelle Carney 21, 84, Alicia Cavanagh 89) defeated **NORTHERN NSW PRIDE 0** at Valentine Sports Park, Sydney.

NSW Sapphires: Kell, Rockall, Gilbert, K Collins, Graham, L Collins, Clarke (Peters), Cavanagh, Klessattel, Carney, Watson (Burgess).

Northern NSW Pride: Cum, Ingles, Randall, Powell, King, Baker (McMinn), Youman, Neilson, Nurley, Gill (Alley), Crawford.

POINTS LADDER

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NSW Sapphires	6	5	1	-	15	3	12	16
SASI Pirates	6	3	-	9	3	6	12	12
QAS Sting	6	2	2	2	9	5	4	8
Northern NSW	6	2	2	2	9	11	-2	8
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse	6	1	-	5	8	19	-11	3
Victoria Vision	6	-	2	4	5	14	-9	2

ROUND 7 - SAT 30 OCTOBER

ACTAS Canberra Eclipse v Northern NSW Pride
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QAS Sting v NSW Sapphires
3pm Suncorp Stadium

SASI Pirates v Victoria Vision
3pm Hindmarsh Stadium



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Saturday October 30th

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Sunday October 31st

Trials at Harold Read Park

Girraween Road, Girraween

6.30PM SHARP

Tuesday 26th October U/13s

Wednesday 27th October U/14s

Thursday 28th October U/11s & U/12s

Friday 29th October U/15s

Tuesday 2nd November U/13s & U/14s

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FANS ORGANISE PETITION

By Bert van Bedaf

Lack of coverage of the club's international exploits has prompted the South Melbourne Supporters' Group to send an unambiguous message to Melbourne's television channels that "enough is enough".

It has started a petition, saying, "The South Melbourne Soccer Club will be representing Australia at the inaugural World Club Championship in Brazil in January 2000 against world famous clubs including Manchester United and Vasco da Gama."

"We are petitioning commercial television to give South Melbourne and the tournament greater coverage," Kartsidimas said.

But the beef with the electronic media is not only confined to Melbourne or coverage of the national and Oceania champion.

Fan club spokesperson Peter Kartsidimas said the problem was nationwide and he wants soccer fans throughout Australia to give the electronic networks a wake-up call by signing the petition.



"What we're saying is that we've had enough. We want to see more coverage of soccer on Australia's commercial television stations, and also on the ABC," Kartsidimas said.

South Melbourne's participation in the World Cup for clubs received coverage in the print media, but scant attention on television.

Television stations pay little or no attention to soccer at all, Kartsidimas said.

"Soccer gets hardly any coverage, even on the ABC. It is showing one program. Only SBS is fantastic. If you want soccer news, you watch SBS," he said.

The group's petition already gathered close to 500 signatures at last Sunday's match against Gippsland Falcons.

It has declared South's next home match against the Melbourne Knights on November 7, an "Australian soccer day".

The group aims to have collected at least 10,000 signatures by the end of its campaign.

"We're going national with this campaign through our contacts at other clubs. We've also established links with New Zealand. It's becoming an international effort," Kartsidimas said.

He said the supporters group would "personally deliver" the signatures to the television networks, Channel Nine, Ten, Seven and the ABC in Melbourne.

"We will go to the sta-

tions and personally deliver our petition, hopefully to network executives or heads of the sporting department," Kartsidimas said.

Kartsidimas can be contacted on 0412 602 932.

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Sundays, November 7th and 14th, 1999

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Sat.	30/10/99	4pm	Venue TBA

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KIM BEAZLEY TO ATTEND NSL GAME

LABOR Party leader Kim Beazley will attend the Melbourne Knights home match against Sydney United on Sunday (October 31).

On a nationwide tour to promote the republican Yes vote, the leader of the national opposition will visit the Sunshine Coast for the first time.

"The request came from him and we have accepted it graciously," Knights general manager Robert Hrzic said.

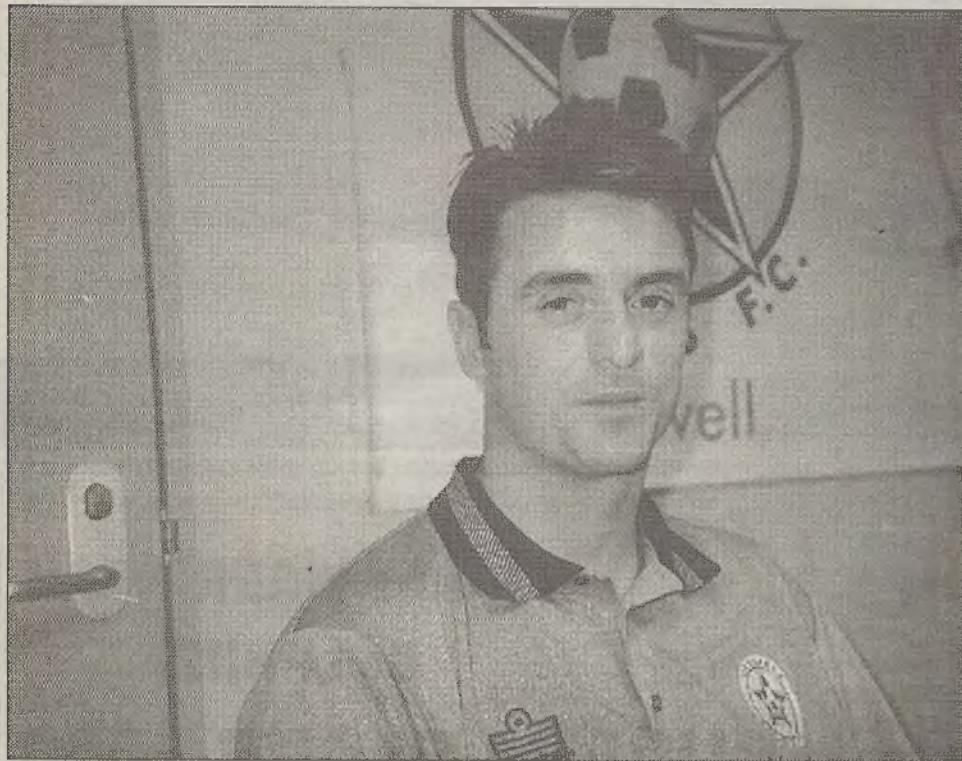
Hrzic said he expected more than 4,000 spectators to come to the traditional Croatian derby on Sunday.

"We have our diehard supporters, but we're also trying to appeal to a wider audience, saying it's not just 90 minutes of football, it's a day out with extra activities happening at the ground. Beazley will be an added interest. I'd be disappointed if we got less than 4,000 to attend," Hrzic said.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE



Canberra Cosmos coach Tom Sermanni (centre) with David Winnie and Winnie's girlfriend Michelle.



Canberra Cosmos new recruit Brian Hamilton.

SLATER TO MISS FIVE GAMES

There was good news for Carlton supporters last week with doctors confirming that Stuart Slater will miss just five weeks with his knee injury.

The swelling has reduced substantially and doctors expect him to be playing by round eight.

The English midfielder injured his knee during training on October 17.

Carlton general manager Lou Sticca said: "Stuart is such a nice bloke, and quite integral to our plans. He's just brought his young family out to Australia and settled into his new home."

"I particularly want to say



Stuart Slater: Knee injury.



thank you to the many fans who have contacted the club to wish Stuart well.

"We've been deluged with faxes and phone calls, and emails from the club's website.

I've said the same thing to each of them — if you want to support Stuart the very best thing you can do is get along to Carlton games on Friday nights."

The ACT's upgraded Bruce Stadium is just for the birds — or at least that is how it appeared at the Canberra Cosmos' recent home game with Brisbane Strikers.

BIRD TROUBLE

Canberra Cosmos' Scottish import, David Winnie, arrived in the National Capital last week, and promptly discovered some long-lost relatives.

There to meet him at the city's airport, along with Cosmos officials, was his Aunt Alice — "I didn't know I had an Aunt Alice," he said afterwards.

"It really was rather lovely. There was this lady handing a big bunch of flowers to my girlfriend, Michelle, and saying she was my aunt, and there was her son, Stuart, who is my cousin.

"They knew a lot more about me than I did about them."

Winnie said he had heard family stories about a branch of the family which had emigrated to Australia years previously "but it was all very vague, I certainly didn't know they were in Canberra".

"But apparently they have followed my career, and of course got very excited when they read in the newspapers that I was coming out here."

Winnie has done the rounds in Europe, beginning with St Mirren, before spells at Aberdeen, Hearts and Dundee.

A short loan period at Middlesbrough ended with a knee injury "which was bad luck because that could have opened a path to the English Premier League".

For the last two seasons the left-sided defender has been with KR Reykjavik, and was Iceland's Player of the Year in 1998.

The Cosmos' second overseas signing, midfielder Brian Hamilton, arrived during the week. Both were recommended to the club by one of last season's overseas players, Gordon Hunter, although Hunter himself has decided against returning.

Meanwhile, the club has been contacted by last season's problem player, Slovak Michael Hudec, who walked out on the Cosmos just under a year ago without playing a game.

Now back home, Hudec has been seeking a clearance, but Cosmos officials are adamant one will not be granted until some \$5000 in air fares and accommodation are repaid.

BIRD TROUBLE

Teams and spectators waited uncomfortably for the best part of a minute before the national anthem ground into life, then many announcements were unintelligible to the crowd.

The reason, club officials learned, is that birds nesting in and around the stadium have attacked sound cables, causing 'surges' in the public address system.

And with the nearby Black Mountain Reserve being the home of literally tens of thousands of birds, there is very little that can be done to prevent it happening again.

ACT PREMIER LEAGUE

Gungahlin Juventus' new coach, Ian Heywood, has wasted no time in making an impact, with a trio of the biggest signings of recent years for his ACT Premier League club.

Just days after accepting the post for the new season, he swooped on Weston Creek Royals to secure the signatures of the league's leading scorer, Steve Lazzari, his brother, Martin, and Josh Whittington.

The speed and efficiency of the raid has left other clubs stunned in a competition where officials usually don't get round to thinking of such things until January.

But as Heywood points out, the need to complete the 2000 season well in advance of the Olympic Games means it is beginning much earlier than usual, in mid-February.

"There is also a personal reason, as I have already arranged to go back to Britain for 12 weeks beginning in mid-November. I won't be back until two weeks before the season starts, so obviously I want my squad in place before I go."

The Lazzari brothers, both in their early 30s, have been with Royals since their junior days, although Steve did spend half a season with Belconnen United at the beginning of the 1990s.

In around 250 league games for the club he has scored 200 goals — and many believed he would continue with Royals until retirement.

However, Heywood said that all three players believed Weston Creek's second placing in the competition in 1999 may represent a high water mark, and wanted to leave before decline sets in.

Heywood's next target is a goalkeeper. Monaro's Tony Guarino, who lost his place to Ian Jefferies in mid-season, looked a possibility, but after Jefferies' departure to Queensland, Guarino has decided to stay.



Carlton's former Scottish international defender Dave McPherson and Melbourne Knights striker Ivan Kelic before their teams met last Friday night. Carlton won 2-1.

AUSSIES ABROAD

LIFE AS A NON-LEAGUER

DAMIEN JAMES BEATTIE

Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Ilkeston Town (English non-league)
Born: 24th Oct 1978 in Melbourne, Victoria
Nickname: Schmeichel
Representative teams: Victoria U14s and 15s, Victorian and Australian schoolboys (1995/96) and Victorian Institute of Sport for three years.
Hair & eye colour: Brown
Height: 188cms
Weight: 85kgs
Interests: Rock climbing and music
Music type: Alternative
Favourite band: Offspring



Damien Beattie: Trying to keep his foot in the door.

When people think of Aussies playing abroad, they think of Bosnich, Zelic, Kewell and Viduka.

But for most of the 100 plus Aussies overseas, life is far removed from the glamour and glitz of that of the above mentioned Socceroos.

Damien Beattie is one example of an Aussie doing it tough overseas.

Beattie, who celebrated his 21st birthday last Sunday, is goalkeeper for English non-league club Ilkeston Town.

He headed overseas three years ago and landed a professional contract with then English Division Two club Notts County.

Unfortunately, at the end of his one-year contract he and five other youngsters were cut from

the squad without explanation and since then he has been trying to get back into the Football League.

Beattie had a highly successful schoolboy career where he toured extensively overseas and this fueled his determination to play in Europe.

He chose England because his idol Peter Schmeichel played for Manchester United.

Beattie is a born and bred Melburnian and his junior clubs were Moorabbin Kings, Fawkner, Bulleen and the Victorian Institute of Sport where he was for three years.

His current club Ilkeston Town have reached the first round of the FA Cup.

They had to play five games to reach this stage. Although retirement is a long way off, Beattie is

already preparing for life after playing.

He has his Victorian level one and two coaching licences and he is also undertaking the UEFA level one course in England.

Damien's mentor in Australia is Gary Groenwald who has supported him throughout his career and given him the courage to go on with his ambition.

"He has had a hard road throughout the years and no matter what has not gone his way he has fought on and is now doing his best to keep his foot in the door over in England," Beattie's mother Lindy told ABSW.

"A very tenacious young man and one who deserves a little credit for going out on his own and fighting for what he wants."

Contract, transfer and injury news

Research by Binesh Mudaliar of Soccer Australia

Northern Spirit striker CLAYTON ZANE has signed with top flight Norwegian Club Molde on a four-year contract.

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Crystal Palace midfielder NICK RIZZO has undergone ankle surgery to remove a spur growth and is expected to be out of action for four more weeks.

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LG Socceroo and Wolverhampton Wanderers defender KEVIN MUSCAT has been awarded a two-year contract extension by his English first division club.

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Port Adelaide Lion (South Australia) forward PETER MIHALOPOULOS and defender KON ANTONIOU will depart for trials next week with English club Oldham Athletic.

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Lierse striker JOE SPITERI continues to work on his rehabilitation from a broken foot.

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GREG HAGIAS, who plays



Hayden Foxe: Played alongside Robbie Baggio.

striker for Greek First Division club Panahaiki, will resume his career shortly following the completion of compulsory military service in Greece.

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Australia's most prolific goalscorers overseas up to October 18 are Brian Bothwell (Brunei) 13, Mark Viduka (Celtic) 11, Alex Duric (Tanjong Pagar United) 11, Tony Popovic (Sanfrecce Hiroshima) 6, Tim Cahill (Millwall) 5, Darren Stewart (Balestier Central) 5.

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Olyroo and Sanfrecce Hiroshima defender HAYDEN FOXE had one of "those" chances on October 11.

Foxe and his Sanfrecce and LG Socceroo team-mate TONY POPOVIC were selected to play for the World Dream Team against the Japan Dream Team at Tokyo's National Stadium.

While Popovic played the entire game, Foxe was kept on for a full half, playing alongside none other than Serie-A pairing Roberto Baggio of Internazionale, and Leonardo of

AC Milan.

"They were both absolutely fantastic," enthused Foxe from Japan.

"They are superstars on and off the pitch, making an effort to have some time, and try and speak with everyone, and it was a real buzz."

"Unfortunately, I don't know very much Italian or Portuguese so we were limited to some hand signals and a bout of hellos but that was OK."

"Leonardo used to play for Antlers in the J League and was a crowd favourite when he was here, and of course Baggio is known world wide, so it brought a whole lot more attention to the game."

"I played 45 minutes and was a bit nervous when I first went out, but then I settled, and it was like playing with any other guys in any other game."

"You just wouldn't think you'd ever play a game with these two, so that was a great experience, and we ended up winning the match 3-1 so everyone was happy."

Foxe and Popovic's next J-League game is on October 30.

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Letters to the Editor

AN AUSSIE PLAYED FOR CHELSEA IN '55

Dear Sir,

These days all OZ soccer fans and even sections of the wider community are familiar with the exploits of the better overseas based OZ soccer players.

However, if we go back into the time tunnel from the Joe Marston era there is one very prominent Australian born soccer player who is virtually unknown in Australia.

I am referring to Roy Bentley who played in Chelsea's one and only League Championship winning team in 1955.

According to recent reports Roy is still going strong living in England.

All I know about him is that he was the son of a Rugby fanatic who moved with his family to England at a young age.

There he was introduced to real



football ultimately reaching the pinnacle of his career with Chelsea in 1955 when he became the first Australia born player to win a (DIV 1) League Championship medal.

The full story of Roy Bentley's distinguished career in English Football should be of some interest to OZ soccer fans not to mention the many Chelsea fans in Australia.

While he remains in good health (hopefully) surely some publication should make an effort to contact him for an extensive interview.

Perhaps the recently established Soccer Hall of Fame Australia should get involved now that they are aware of his existence.

R. Melor,
Bondi, NSW.

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Dear Sir,

I have read with interest the items concerning Cleveland St Boys' High School, the imposing list of eminent past students, including Soccer Captain, Johnny Warren, and their sporting achievements from the first intake of students in 1956.

I am most grateful that someone of Johnny's ability as a soccer player has been produced by the school.

It compensates for the less than glorious "Clevo" soccer team of 1942 (or it may have been 1943), of which I and ten other displaced rugby league players were members. The school was then Cleveland Street Intermediate High School.

But how did rugby league's loss become soccer's gain?

Well, a gunner of a Japanese submarine was the cause of my association with soccer.

When he lobbed a small shell or two into Bondi

NSL 2000/01: 16, 14 or 12?

Dear Sir,

There has been a lot of talk recently in Soccer circles about what is the right number of teams to have in the NSL starting next season once a criteria is put in place for all the clubs to fulfil.

A lot of people would say 16 or even 18 teams, is the perfect number under normal circumstances.

But these are not normal circumstances, because the game is still developing here at the top level, plus Australia is not a part of Europe, where they don't have a finals system.

Then there are those who think that ten teams is plenty, or enough, because we don't have sufficient numbers of top quality players for any more than that.

The truth is that because of Australia's unique position of having finals played at the end of the normal championship season, no number is fully satisfactory in Australia at this stage.

Let's examine all the even numbers with the problems they pose. (Odd numbers require a bye). Starting with the lowest numbers of 8 or 10. Neither is any good, as it would not provide a proper geographical spread for a national competition, if both Sydney and Melbourne had more than two teams each.

Twelve teams give a better geographical



spread, but with 33 rounds would have an unbalanced number of home and away games between all teams.

With 14 teams the talent is starting to spread around and thin out a bit more, but the main problem would be a shorter season of 26 rounds.

Thirty-nine rounds is not an option, as it makes the season too long (including finals), and also unbalances the home and away games as well.

As for 16 teams remaining, as I said earlier it is the ideal number in future, but not at this stage.

So what is the right number without having midweek games which should be avoided for financial reasons.

My preference is for a reduction to 14 teams with only 26 rounds for the next two seasons at least. Next year with the Olympic Games on in this country, the NSL can't start before mid October with an early finish advisable in 2001, due to World Cup qualifying games on for the Socceroos.

Also an early finish for the following season is advisable, if the World Cup in Japan and Korea starts in late May or early June.

That's where 26 rounds plus finals fits in perfectly for two seasons.

Hopefully after that the circumstances will allow a return to a 16 team competition of high quality standard football.

Dominic Scullino
Nerang, Qld.

LEAGUE'S LOSS, SOCCER'S GAIN



CLEVELAND STREET HIGH SCHOOL 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER (1960-2000)

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half-time due to heavy rain.

Our form was maintained throughout the remainder of the three or four games which followed and we very graciously did not embarrass any opposing goalkeeper by scoring a single goal.

While we performed with some dignity as league players we were run off our feet by the fitter soccer players.

The fact that we had no coaching and had no instruction as to rules of the game was probably a contributing factor to the less than glorious performance of what I believe was the first soccer team to represent good old Clevo in the world game.

I hope John Economos did not deliberately ignore the first team and its unique record.

Maybe if the Japs had fired the shells earlier in that season we may have even scored a goal.

George Green,
Alstonville, NSW.

Letters to the Editor

MY PLAN FOR A TWO DIVISION NSL

Dear Sir,

The NSL next year should have two divisions.

Division One

- 1 Adelaide United
- 2 Auckland KingZ
- 3 Carlton
- 4 Marconi
- 5 Newcastle Breakers
- 6 Northern Spirit
- 7 Parramatta Power
- 8 Perth Glory
- 9 South Melbourne
- 10 Wollongong Wolves

Division Two

- 1 Adelaide Force
- 2 Brisbane Strikers
- 3 Canberra Cosmos
- 4 Gippsland Falcons
- 5 Hobart
- 6 Fremantle
- 7 Melbourne Knights
- 8 North Queensland
- 9 Sydney Olympic
- 10 Sydney United

Following the Scottish model, everyone would play each other four times.

Promotion and relegation would work like this:

The last placed team in Division One is replaced with the winner of Division Two. The 2nd and 3rd teams in Division Two play each other over two legs, with the winner playing the 9th team in Division One with the

winner gaining or retaining Division One status.

I would also have Division One Play-offs

The top four teams make the finals. With the 1st team playing the 4th and the 3rd playing the 2nd over two legs with the winners playing each.

The final is to be played in the city of the team which finished highest in the regular season.

Along with the new second division I would have a "decent" cup competition.

In this case the bottom eight Division Two clubs play each other. The winners join the Division One clubs in round two

Random draws are to be made before every round, following the F.A. Cup tradition. The cup should be played during the season and not be a mickey mouse pre-season comp.

The final should be played near the end of the season and a weekend should be set aside for the final. The winner can play the league winner at the start of the next year (as in England with the Charity Shield).

In this model all the current clubs remain as well as introducing four new clubs, Adelaide United, Fremantle, North Queensland and Hobart. Allowing both divisions to have clubs in all areas of Australia (until they go down or get promoted).

The teams named above may not be the right ones but the ones which I feel would make the best Division One competition.

You can also have two leagues of 12 clubs with the introduction of clubs from Christchurch, Cronulla (Sydney), Townsville

and Waverley (Melbourne) or Geelong.

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Which would mean only 3 teams from NSW State League would qualify for the next First Division plays-offs.

John Coulson
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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

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MARCONI STALLIONS

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WOLLONGONG WOLVES

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By Richard Kreider

Perth Glory may be widely tipped as championship contenders, but a 0-0 draw with Adelaide Force last Sunday left them still winless at Perth Oval this season.

Perth coach Bernd Stange let it be known he was not happy with the result — that was played before another bumper crowd — by keeping his charges behind closed doors for a lengthy period of time after the game.

"A draw is never enough at home, but I'm not taking away the fighting qualities of the team," said Stange who was satisfied with the improving performance of his back-line.

"I would have preferred it if we were more aggressive up front since we were not able to make many telling strikes on goal. After a few tense moments at the start the team improved as the game went on, but no matter what we tried we couldn't find the target today."

Stange is hoping Vas Kalogeracis will be ready for next Friday's away clash with Canberra Cosmos.

Glory's ex-Cosmos striker Peter Buljan is still 2-3 weeks away from team selection after being sidelined with a nagging injury. Troy Halpin limped out of Sunday's game with stomach pains and it is feared it could be a recurrence of a previous hernia injury that was operated on two months ago.

Once again, seasoned goalkeeper Tony Franken fully justified his confining Olyroo custodian Danny Mitosevic to being a spectator, following a string of breathtaking saves.

One especially, that denied Damian Mori's 6th minute close-range strike was worthy of being called world-class when he dropped low to his right to stop what looked certain to have bulged the net.

The Hill section of Perth Oval responded by chanting 'Franken is our hero'.

Mori's miss was to eventually prove costly as Glory defender Jamie Harnwell wore the Socceroo striker like a magnet for the remainder of the game.

Mori's last strong scoring opportunity came in the 73rd minute but the 34 year old Franken was triumphant once more in the one-on-one contest despite being perilously close to handling the ball outside his area.

Glory captain Gareth Niven played in a deeper, free-man role and came through the position unscathed, alongside Harnwell, Brazilian Edgar Junior, Robert Trajkovski and Scott Miller. Con Boutsanis showed his class when it mattered, but was not his lethal self with dead-ball kicks around the Adelaide box.

Force skipper Alex Tobin was as sound as ever in the Adelaide defence, alongside Ivan Zelic, Dongi-ki Kim, Michael Carnright and Angelo Costanzo.

Aurelio Vidmar showed some quality touches while Bradley Hassell and Carl Veart grafted equally as hard from the middle third.

After Franken swallowed up a 25 metre Nathan Day strike in the 40th minute, the former Socceroo custodian swooped on a Mori left-side centre two minutes later right in front of Day's bootlaces.

At the other end, Carl Veart volleyed a Michael Cartwright pass over Franken's cross-bar three minutes from the restart before Alistair Edwards came close to putting the home side ahead six minutes later when Ivan Ergic split the Force rearguard to send him goalbound.

Vilson Knezevic, who was making his first appearance in a Force shirt since leaving Canberra Cosmos, was quick to leave his goal-line and neutralise the threat.

Substitute Hamilton Thorp caused a gasp of despair from the 13,390 crowd four minutes before the final whistle when he headed a Robert Trajkovski right-side centre centimetres past Knezevic's right hand upright.

The closing stages were spent in the Adelaide dangerzone with John Carbone forcing Knezevic to tip over his curling corner and Scott Miller saw a goalbound strike deflect just over the top bar.

Referee Eddie Lennox equally deserves a mention for putting in a more than satisfactory performance.

By Bert van Bedaf

South Melbourne easily disposed of the Gippsland Falcons, 3-0, at Bob Jane stadium last Sunday.

The Falcons are yet to win a match this season and find themselves at the bottom with fellow battlers Melbourne Knights.

The margin could have been bigger, but Falcons' keeper Bojo Jevdjic saved shots from substitute Jim Tsekunis and George Goutzioulis in the closing stages.

"We're pretty happy with this (result). The Falcons are a pretty good team and we expected a fairly difficult game. We played so poorly last week that we needed to go back to base again and keep things simple," South coach Ange Postecoglou said.



Michael Curcija: South's in-form striker.

Falcons coach Jeff Hopkins was less upbeat about his team's performance. "We didn't close down very well and South won the physical battle. That was most disappointing about our performance today. We gave South too much space. We didn't play that much football to be honest," Hopkins said.

Postecoglou agreed it had been a fairly physical game, but added, "If we weren't physical and prepared to run and chase, it would have become a very difficult match for us."

South pressed from the start and although Gippsland created two early chances, it was the home attack that drew the first strike from a David Clarkson corner in the 35th minute. Steve Panopoulos rebounded into the box with an overhead kick and Michael Curcija lobbed goal bound, although Nick Orlac appeared to have had the last touch, scrambling the ball and himself into the net.

The Falcons came close with two headers, but their attempts went over the bar. Manny Gotis rose first in the 29th minute from an Andy Vargas free-kick and John Hutchinson headed across in the 32nd minute from a Doug Marcina cross.

Hutchinson dipped a vicious shot on half-time that gave South keeper Milan Uvarac difficulty, but the home side went into the break a goal up.

It took only 12 minutes after the interval for South to claim a stranglehold on the match. Clarkson curled South's ninth corner into the box, where it was only half-cleared by a struggling Falcons defence. Con Blasius stood ready at the edge of the box and blasted the ball home with a thundering volley. Jevdjic got a touch, but sheer velocity carried it into the net.

The defending champion sealed victory in the 71st minute with a classy Michael Curcija goal. Uvarac kicked the ball long straight from his goal into the Falcons half, where Adrian Savage cleared poorly. Curcija took the ball in his stride and unleashed a half-volley that beat Jevdjic for the third time on the night.

Falcons striker Juan Nilo nearly got a consolation goal, but in the one-on-one Uvarac stood his ground and blocked the shot seconds from the final whistle.

SYDNEY UNITED
MARCONI STALLIONS

By Stuart Jones

At Edensor Park on Sunday the Marconi Stallions did a smash and grab for the three points as they defeated valiant Sydney United by two goals to one.

The rain had come down just before the match turning the field into a bit of a lottery for both sides.

The crowd of 3,038 saw the Pumas take the initiative in the first half as in the opening 20 minutes both Mario Jermen and Tom Pondeljak had good opportunities come to nothing.

Then on the 20 minute mark debutant Marconi goalie Michael Turnbull punched at a cross from Ante Moric only to see it go the wrong way.

Dominic Longo tried to make amends but the wet ball slid off his head, looped up in the air and ended up in the back of the net.

On the half hour Turnbull started to make amends as he turned a low Pondeljak drive onto the post. There was further disappointment for the Puma fans as Mario Jermen was put through on goal by Aytec Genc only for Jermen to slide the ball past the oncoming keeper onto the very same post that Pondeljak had hit earlier in the match.

This occurred three minutes after Mark Babic had been sent off in the 42nd minute. Babic was obviously frustrated at losing possession and flew in to tackle Joe Moric but mistimed the challenge and referee Mark Shields showed him a red card for his efforts.

Marconi's first half efforts were dominated by long balls, especially from the sweeper Chad Gibson (Pan Keun Kim had been moved into the midfield), whilst Sydney United played the ball along the ground and their combination belied the fact they have only been together for such a short time. Indications were in the opening minute of the second half that it could have been a repeat.

Another Genc cross saw Jermen right near the goal line head down and towards goal. Turnbull shone as he dived low and turned the ball around the post, a save Eddie Krnecic described later as world class.

However that was to be the final light for Sydney United.

Marconi had brought on Brad Maloney at half time for Harry Karl and his team mates visibly lifted with him on the field.

Despite the ten men the Stallions equalised as Pan Keun Kim put a cross into the area and the ball fell away from all the players around Zeljko Babic and Maloney was there to shoot home.

Four minutes later and the visitors were in the lead. Darren McDonald put a cross in from the left and Babic dived at the near post but missed it. Vince Savoca in the Puma defence did collect it however, and the ball ended up in the back of the net.

With 20 minutes to go Mario Jermen was sent off after a bit of a disagreement with Marconi substitute Buddy Farah (who did well after coming on for Longo in the 46th minute). After that the game did not hit any real heights although Sydney United did use the unusual ploy of playing Vojimir Kupresak up front for the final quarter hour.

After the game Stallion coach Eddie Krnecic was pleased to have got the points.

"The conditions dictated the way we played today, more of the English football style. I was happy with Michael Turnbull in goal, it was a brave decision to choose him but he pulled off some great saves. We worked well with ten men out there, I think I will have to only use ten players from the start of next week's game."

David Ratcliffe was unhappy with his players for letting the game out of their hands.

"That was three points lost today. We need to learn that losing is not an option, we need to be winners."

"We got in at half time and it seems some thought we had it won, well they have been proved wrong haven't they?"

Overall with two red cards and two own goals the game had plenty of interesting moments. It is just a shame the poor weather conditions meant only 3000 people were present to witness the game.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WOLLONGONG WOLVES

By John Economos

Sydney Olympic last Sunday night were almost completely caught out by a rejuvenated and defiant Wollongong Wolves that gallantly forced a well earned 1-1 draw as part revenge at the Belmore Sportsground, after having easily crushed the Wolves 0-4 the week before at Brandon Park.

Wollongong coach Nick Theodorakopoulos despite having suffered the humiliating 0-4 thrashing just eight days prior from the same opponent, surprisingly adopted, and utilised, an adventurous attacking 3-4-3 formation to have a real go at Olympic.

This yielded them dividends as the Wolves failed this time round to cave in to Olympic's goal scoring power. In fact by attacking the home side with three strikers it kept Olympic scoreless till the 77th minute.

The Wolves lined up with an ambitious triple strike force comprising mobile Scott Chipperfield on the right, the Fijian Esala Masi through the middle with new English import Stuart Young, making his debut in the NSL, on the left.

Following a corner from the right by substitute Gabriel Mendez in the 77th minute, skipper and central defender Peter Tsekunis at last lifted Olympic into the lead as he powered his header into the target with a well timed late run.

After his well earned shower after the match, Tsekunis, stated to ABSW: "That was my first ever goal I've scored at home. We had been working on set pieces all week and tonight I got there first to score."

"But our joy was quickly gone and I was most disappointed as we immediately conceded a goal through sheer lack of concentration."

Within 30 seconds of the match being restarted, Wollongong 'had balanced the books' at the other end through the newly signed Young.

Substitute Anthony Surjan who just six minutes before had come on to replace Noel Spencer, quickly raided down the right flank to cross to the back stick to easily find the very well positioned Young who scored with a first time drive.

When asked how he felt after the game, Young said: "Tired. Having scored my first goal in Australia in my first game, well it felt real good and I enjoyed it."

"It's far more technical here than in the lower divisions of England as you have more time on the ball. And really, I prefer this style."

As early as in the sixth minute, Wollongong's central midfielder Noel Spencer rifled a cracking 25 metre drive which was well on target that tested Olympic's goalie George Bouhoussos.

In a dour first half struggle, Olympic's only threat came eight minutes before the break as striker Pablo Cardozo drifted wide on the left to cross to the far post. But lanky stopper Ante Juric who had ventured well forward, ballooned his effort well over the top of the bar.

Four minutes after the break the alert Young set Wollongong on the attack by releasing the mobile Scott Chipperfield with a great ball for a 35 metre raid. But once inside the Olympic box Chipperfield was brilliantly blocked by a well timed Juric tackle.

Another long ball from Young in the 55th minute found Chipperfield blasting from 20 metres that rocketed to shave the right upright.

Best performers for Olympic were young midfielder Peter Zorbas, central defender Scott Baillie with wide man on the right, Brett Emerton, whilst Wollongong's best were Young, industrious centre-back David Cervinski and lanky goalkeeper Leslie Pogliacomi.

Wollongong's coach Nick Theodorakopoulos said: "I was tonight looking for a much more committed effort and my players responded even though we didn't have the bounce of the ball. I felt we were the better team even though it was the first time that Cervinski, Young and Pogliacomi have started together. We still have Ceccoli to come in with Surjan when he returns to form. If this match was a boxing contest we would have taken the points."

"Our goalkeeper (Pogliacomi) made no mistakes as the week before it was us that contributed more to our heavy defeat (0-4) against Olympic."

Meanwhile Olympic's coach Branko Culina evaluated: "It was always going to be a tough one for us after we had beaten them 4-0 last week. We got from them just what I expected. A tough game."

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The Four Diegos

This week's special guest: Socceroo legend and Northern Spirit star

Robbie Slater

Diegos: "Congratulations on the new book 'The Hard Way'. The book has got everything. It's a love story, it's a drama, it's a story of revenge; when you write about Frank Arok, it's almost a science fiction."

"When you sat down and wrote the book did you enjoy recounting any one story above all others?"

Slater: "I don't know if there is any one story that sticks out as being the best. The whole book was done over a year and a half, but I guess it's better remembering the good times than the bad times."

"Winning the premiership with Blackburn is one that comes to mind, as well as playing for the Socceroos, even though that also had its bad times too. There are just so many."

"Now when I look back at what I've achieved I just realise just how lucky I am."

Diegos: "Manchester United boss, Sir Alex Ferguson caused a stir in his recent 'tell all' book describing members of his former coaching and playing staff as 'Prats', 'Moaners' and 'Backstabbers'. You chose not to be so blunt in your book."

"Did you feel the urge, at any stage, to divulge what you really thought about any of your adversaries in the past?"

Slater: "Absolutely! In fact I let loose in the first draft of the book only to see it edited by the publishers."

"I think that if the unedited version came out as the finished product, I could have found myself hiding on some small Spanish island."

"But I've just tried to tell it as it is and make sure that everything that has been written is true. Nevertheless there is still a lot in the book that will raise a few eyebrows, perhaps even curl a few."

Diegos: "You did cause a flicker of controversy when you suggested that your Northern Spirit coach, Graham Arnold would've have been a better choice as Socceroo skipper than Alex Tobin, during the last World Cup campaign."

"How have the pundits reacted to that and will you steer clear of Alex when the Spirit next play the Force?"



Robbie Slater: Pulls no punches in his new book.

disappointing that a lot of our young soccer enthusiasts don't know who the Australian soccer captain is. I think that's pretty poor!"

Diegos: "One of the Four Diegos favourite stories was when Diego Maradona's wife, Claudia, apparently asked for your Socceroo shirt after the home leg of the Australia v Argentina World Cup qualifier in 1993."

"How did you feel about that and what's it like knowing that the great man's wife snuggles up in bed at night wearing your Number 7?"

Slater: "That's pretty frightening isn't it! Have you ever seen Diego's wife? When it first

that your form fluctuated directly with the state of your personal life.

"What advice would you give to any player about to embark on a career overseas?"

Slater: "Well it's not that hard to give advice today because there are so many Aussies playing soccer in Europe. The transition isn't anywhere near as difficult."

"But one bit of advice I would give is to not have a girlfriend when you go over because it's guaranteed that she will always want to come back home to the sun and surf of Australia."

Diegos: "The Diegos have always believed you to be a 'lover not a fighter', a perception absolutely shattered by your book which recounts a number of training ground punch ups over the years."

"How do you explain these unsavoury incidents and in your spat with newly appointed Socceroo coach, Frank Farina during last season's finals, who won?"

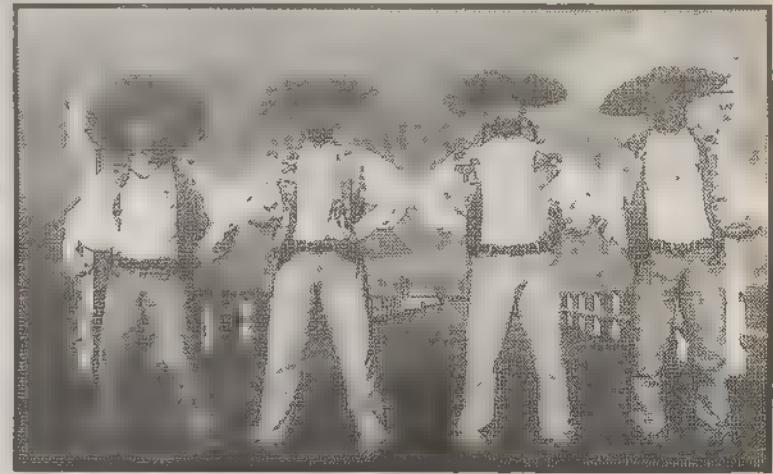
Slater: "Now that he's the national coach I tell everybody that he won."

"Really there wasn't much in that at all. Look I'm a red head and I've always called a spade a spade, that's what you learn when you are playing overseas. You've got to be thick skinned and learn to stand up for yourself because if you don't, expect the mickey to be taken out of you frequently."

Diegos: "You were pretty upbeat about the future of Aussie soccer in your book."

"With a local coach leading the Socceroos and the unprecedented investment in the game by big corporations, do you think that Soccer Australia has finally found the right formula for success?"

Slater: "Everyone thought a big name coach would guarantee us a place in the World Cup, and it hasn't happened. I think appointing Frank was a great decision, it's about time one of our local boys was given a crack at leading our next World Cup



Slater: "Thanks Diegos. Unfortunately your chapter was edited with all the other libelous stuff — maybe in volume 15 more like it. Adios Amigos."



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"I'm a red head and I've always called a spade a spade..."

Slater: "My intention was never to give Graham Arnold a pay rise. In fact it wasn't only Graham I suggested for the role, there were several others as well."

"Alex has done a great job as captain, I just think that we need a higher profile player as our national captain."

"Someone who is media friendly, who appeals to the younger generation and who has had a high profile career."

"I travel around the country a fair bit and it's

happened I thought the guys were playing a practical joke on me. But then this Argentinian guy was saying this is Diego's wife, Claudia and she wants your shirt."

"I thought well who am I to say no to Maradona's wife, so I gave her the shirt. In the end I was just grateful she didn't ask for my shorts."

Diegos: "Your career took a number of twists and turns. In the early days overseas it seems

campaign."

"We should forget about the past and all get behind Frank Farina so when we do challenge for the next World Cup, we do it as a unified bunch."

Diegos: "Thanks Robbie. We're a little disappointed that the chapter about the Diegos didn't make the final cut — maybe in volume two? Adios Amigo."

The Four Diegos have their own radio show in Melbourne on 97.3FM every Saturday from 10am to noon.

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

BRISBANE STRIKERS
NORTHERN SPIRIT

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CARLTON
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

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By Bert van Bedaf

Brisbane Strikers let two valuable national league points slip from their grasp when Northern Spirit substitute Abbas Saad scored a final minute equaliser at Suncorp Stadium last Saturday night.

Strikers' keeper Clint Bolton failed to hold a powerful shot from outside the box by Matthew Bingley allowing Saad to tap in from close range for a 2-all draw.

It was a case of *de ja vu* for the Strikers who dropped crucial points at similar stages throughout last season, which in the end probably cost them a finals berth.



Luke Casserly and Matthew Bingley.
Combined for Spirit's second goal.

The Strikers, who started the match with a perfect three from three record, always looked in control but missed on several occasions to put the game out of the reach of the disappointing visitors.

With former Strikers stalwart Troy Cranney driving the Northern Spirit midfield and brother Sean on the bench after being cut from the Strikers this season, the game had the perfect ingredients for a grudge affair.

Player coach Graham Arnold, who played mind games with rival coach John Kosmina in the media build-up, started the game but not even his presence looked like turning around their record of two previous losses.

The Strikers grabbed the early ascendancy taking a 1-0 lead in the seventh minute.

Playing against his old side, striker Paul Foster volleys Brisbane's opener from close range after teammate Stu McLaren headed down a Nick Meredith corner.

Northern Spirit, who were continually caught offside by the well marshalled Strikers defence, suffered a major blow after only 17 minutes half when skipper Robbie Slater limped from the field allowing Sean Cranney the chance to play against his former club.

The Strikers went close to increasing their lead several times before the break but two of their best attempts from Jeremy Harris and Foster went astray.

Foster went closest rifling a low shot into the side netting after clever work near the sideline by Peter Dwyer.

Northern Spirit eventually drew level in the 35th minute after a long ball from defender Luke Casserly caught the Strikers defence napping.

Casserly's delivery fell perfectly for Sean Cranney who headed into space for Bingley to side foot past Bolton.

However, the Strikers struck back within five minutes of the equaliser to lead 2-1 at half-time when new signing Peter Giersen, playing in his first National League match, drove home from close range after Foster flicked on a Meredith long throw.

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NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
AUCKLAND KINGZ

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By Greg Danvers

In a match described as 'disgraceful' by coach Lee Sterrey the Newcastle Breakers drew one-all with the Auckland Kingz on Friday night at Breakers Stadium.

Newcastle scored in the sixth minute with the Kingz equalising 80 minutes later.

Point sized striker John Buonavoglia slotted home for the Breakers after a Vasco Trpcic free kick rebounded off the wall. Buonavoglia leapt into the air and stretched his right leg out to guide the ball past Kingz' keeper Mike Utting.

Kingz' player coach Wynton Rufer, a 56th minute substitute for Aaron Silva, scored brilliant goal with four minutes remaining in the match to take back across the Tasman a valuable point.

Marcus Stergiopoulos crossed from the right into the penalty area for Rufer to side foot volley, on the turn, to place the ball between Breakers custodian Bob Catlin and the post in what can only be described as one of the goals of the year.

In the eighty minutes between goals, both sides had enough chances to take the game with both 'keepers earning their wages.

The Kingz did on Friday night what the Breakers did to the Spirit the week before, out-muscling, out-playing and stuck to their game plan that the Breakers seemed to forget as soon as they ran out in-front of the 6045 fans.

"That was an absolute disgraceful performance," a very unhappy Breakers coach Lee Sterrey said after the match.

"It doesn't matter how anyone saw it we fluked a goal early and then we were never in the hunt as in smartness. I have no problem with people playing bad but if they don't know how I want them to play by now, well they've got a problem in the head department.

"When you look at it at one nil at half-time really we should have been four-one down on the amount of chances they (Auckland Kingz) had.

"I am not going to have midfielders that are standing around and their player makes a forward run into the penalty area and they're facing Bobby Catlin one-on-one. It won't be accepted they have got a job to do defensively as well."

Talented midfielder Greg Owens was carried off on a stretcher in the 15th minute with a left knee injury that will see him sidelined for several weeks and will visit orthopaedic surgeon Dr Neil Halpin today.

"It doesn't look real good," Sterrey said of Greg Owens' injury.

"It looks like a reasonably long term injury but we will wait for the medical advice."



John Buonavoglia: Put Newcastle in the lead after six minutes.

Auckland showed signs that they will make it tough for teams not only in Auckland but when they travel.

"From a team's point of view we can only get better every game," Auckland assistant coach Shane Rufer said.

"We had enough chances to win the game but that's what professional football is about taking the chances."

"When you score a goal like we did at the end you have got to be happy with a point and to have Wynton (Rufer) on the pitch is a huge boost to the team because his intelligence and general play is top quality."

PARRAMATTA POWER
CANBERRA COSMOS

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By Stuart Jones

Last Friday night at the Power House (Parramatta Stadium) visitors Canberra Cosmos defeated the home side by a scoreline of 2-3.

In front of 5120 spectators the Cosmos put on a tough display to outmuscle the Power.

Unfortunately it was not just the players on the field who starred in the first ten minutes. Debutant NZ referee Derek Rugg within the opening ten minutes, had booked three players. The crowd did see a goal during that time but not for the home team.

A weak foul from the home side gave a free kick to Ivo De Jesus who saw the ball flicked on at the near post by Daniel Watkins into the back of the net.

Reports after the game suggested the referee had adjudged De Jesus with the goal but it was clearly Watkins who scored.

Surprising the referee saw it De Jesus' way as for once he was not 10 yards plus behind the play.

Power responded with a Blagojevic free kick on the 20th minute that went into the back of the net.

However it was called back (well not called at all) as the referee awarded a free kick against Jacob Burns for tussling in the wall.

It looked remarkably like he awarded that free kick



Daniel Watkins: Scored two goals.

just before Blagojevic took his shot. Then five minutes later a chip through saw Joel Griffiths beat the Canberran custodian to the ball and head the ball into the back of the net.

Just five minutes before half time De Jesus and Andrew Crews both slid for the ball but it was De Jesus who got the crucial touch placing the ball past Crews and into the goal.

That lead lasted only three minutes into the second half as Joel Griffiths popped up to score his second equalising goal of the game.

After good play down the right by Steve Eagleton the Canberra defence was left in confusion and Griffiths put the ball away.

When minute 54 ticked over a turning point occurred once more in the match. Mile Sterjovski was in on goal when Robbie Hooker brought him down on the edge of the area.

The referee waved play on when most in the ground (including some in the Cosmos ranks) thought it was a red card offence. Five minutes later a Gabriel Gonzalez cross was met by a free Daniel Watkins to put Canberra ahead for the third and final time that night.

In the 63rd and 87th minutes red was seen by Canberra players Pilin and Gonzalez but despite the numerical advantage Parramatta did not use it to its maximum and the Cosmos came away with the three points on offer.

After the game Tom Sermanni was happy with the result. He was slightly unhappy with some of the tackles his chargers had put in because that was not what he wanted to see from his teams.

David Mitchell was pulling no punches in looking at a poor defence as the main reason for their current poor form and envisaged changes for next week's team, including the reintroduction of David Barrett who got through a whole game of youth league prior to the main game.

CLOUDS GATHER FOR BISKIC

By Bert van Bedaf

Melbourne Knights coach Joe Biskic is under pressure to resign. Last week at training, he and the players were told "to get results or heads will roll".

The Knights legend who took over last season and was regarded as a saviour, is now severely under the hammer.

"We have to get results. I told the players, there's a situation now, we really have to be honest and try to do something here, otherwise probably I won't be here, but also some of you won't be here," a candid Biskic said.

"There's pressure on me and I'm probably the first to go, if we don't get results. I'm prepared for it. It doesn't matter who's the man in charge, you've got to produce something. There's got to be first pressure on me," he said.

There was already talk of replacing Biskic with another former player, Vlado Vanis, who is presently coaching Preston in the Victorian Premier League.

Former Knights and championship coach Ian Dobson has also been touted to make a return from his present position as coach of VPL club Green Gully, which he took to a championship last season.

KNIGHTS APPOINTMENTS

The Melbourne Knights have made two significant appointments. The

new general manager is Robert Hrzic and the new director is Sally Zovak.

Knights president Tony Karlusic said the club has appointed a new general manager and a new director.

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Sunshine club has appointed Robert Hrzic as general manager and Sally Zovak to the board of directors. Barry Horsfall will remain marketing manager.

Also a director, the 30-year-old Hrzic will take control of the daily operations at the club. He was a credit controller at rural company Pivot Ltd for 11 years as well as a business analyst and team leader.

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position the club so it can confidently face the future," Karlusic said.

A lawyer with Graham Sievers & Lewe, Zovak has worked for several community legal-services and teaches at the Victorian School of Languages.

WOMEN'S TEAM

The Melbourne Knights are planning a women's team to bolster its youth program.

A new juniors committee was also appointed, with brother and sister team Steve and Deb Horbec appointed president and secretary.

The juniors will comprise nine squads; U8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18. Horbec said there were about 130 juniors at the club, but more were needed.

"We are also excited about setting up a Knights all-ages women's team.

It was attempted several years ago, but it fizzled out.

Anyone interested should ring the club on (03) 9312 3584.

VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

BOSCHINI WINS

Melbourne Raiders sweeper Tony Boschini won the best player award at the club's presentation night, while Sandra Nardo won the Raiders' women's best player award at an emotion charged evening, which also honored retired goalkeeper Mauro Raponi with a life membership.

Former player Nino Di Martino was also given life membership.

Boschini was voted ahead of John Angelovski, who finished runner-up.

Nick Cuculeski was top scorer with 12 goals for the season. The encouragement award went to Steve Bichler.

Nardo edged out runner-up Laura Schembri by one vote. Top goal scorer was Laura Schembri, while the encouragement award was won by Melissa Schembri, making it a family trifecta.

It was Raponi as coach three years ago, who turned Boschini from a midfielder into a successful sweeper. "I've got to thank Mauro for the switch. I've transformed myself and I'm enjoying it," Boschini said.

He said he'd "most definitely" be at the Raiders next year.

"We didn't have the best of seasons last season, but hopefully we'll do a lot better next year and get more of the supporters back. Finishing mid-table was disappointing. There's room for improvement," he said.

The talented 22-year-old arrived at the Raiders four years ago as part of the Brunswick Zebras merger with the Thomastown Devils.

Boschini got a run with the Zebras in the national league in 1995 under then coach Ken Murphy, now at Fawkner, and hopes to join an NSL club in the future. "I've always had aspirations to play in the national league again, but so far there haven't been any offers," he said.

BEST WOMAN

Sandra Nardo is a Melbourne Raiders women's striker turned central midfielder, who "loves soccer" but approaches it with a relaxed attitude.

The sparkling 20-year-old studies human movement at LaTrobe University and does not let her soccer go before her academic pursuits. There are no aspirations to take soccer further than her Raiders exploits.

As far as vying for a State spot or higher? "No way," she laughs.

"I love soccer, I love it for the sport. It keeps me fit," she said.

RAPONI RETIRES

An emotional Mauro Raponi farewelled the Melbourne Raiders he served for 15 years on and off the field as a goal keeper, briefly as coach, and as a sponsor.

He choked back the tears as he thanked supporters and players for the great years they had given him.

Raponi joined the Raiders in 1980, and apart from being absent for a few years during the early 1990s, he's been a rock and fixture at the Thomastown club.

He leaves to become assistant senior coach to Alan Davidson at the Bulleen Inter Kings, returning to a former nest.

"It's going to be sad leaving," Raponi said, "But this is a new career for me and I hope to see you again around the soccer traps."

Raponi received a standing ovation after his emotional speech. Di Martino, who played more than 450 games for the Raiders in previous disguis-

es and never left the club in his entire career was absent because he now lives on the Queensland Gold Coast.

OTHER AWARDS

In other Melbourne Raiders awards on a big presentation night Gunther Bichler was voted best club man.

Father of award-winning Steve, his older son Klaus is making a comeback next season after having been absent for a season with injury.

Alessandro Contanzo won best player in the Raiders reserves. George Nogueira was runner-up. John Karamantidis was top scorer with 13 goals.

Thomastown Regent, the Raiders sister club in the State League division two, held their presentation at the same time.

Equal best players were Kevin Martin and Joe Montangese, also the seniors' top scorer. Tony Giuliano was runner up.

Enzo Santoni won best player in the reserves, with Lou Torcasio as runner-up. Santoni was also top scorer.

BALASSONE RESIGNS

Peter Balassone has stepped down as president of the Bulleen Inter Kings after three seasons at the helm. He will stay on as a board member.

Balassone steered Bulleen through its merger with Box Hill Inter and took with him a faction of the former Brunswick United Juventus club (committee members and supporters) from the Thomastown Zebras, now the Melbourne Raiders.

Under Balassone's reign, Bulleen won the Victorian Premier League championship in 1998.

"I'll still help out as much as I can, but it

was time for someone different. It's been too many years at three clubs (a total of five years at the Zebras, Thomastown and Bulleen as president)," Balassone said.

Balassone's likely successor is Michael Catalano, a former board member and the owner of Adriatic Furniture Imports. Vice-president is likely to be Mario Schwal, another prominent businessman at the Kings.

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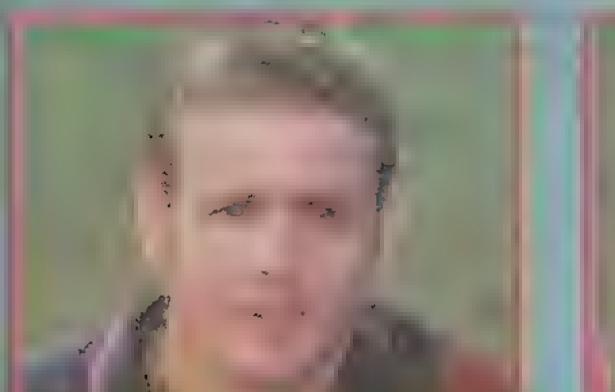
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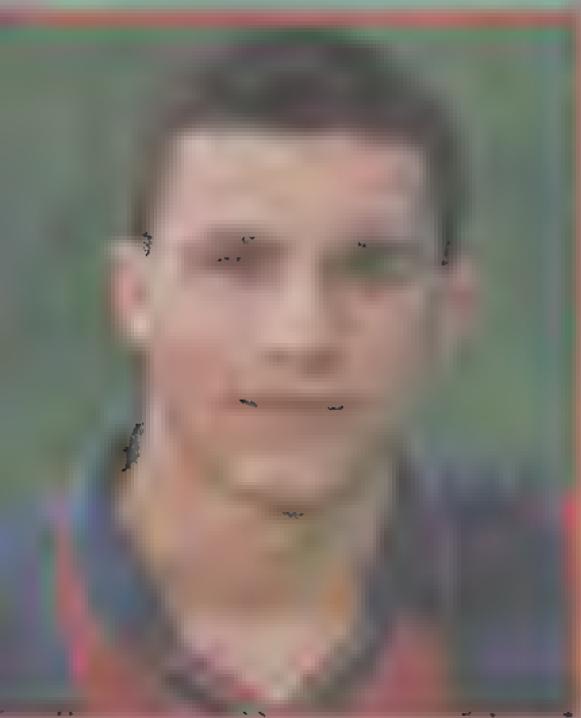
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National Youth League

NORTHERN DIVISION ROUND 4

Friday 22 October

Parramatta Power 4 Sydney Olympic Academy 0
(Townsend 24, 83, Barrett 36, own goal 67)
Newcastle Breakers 1 Northern Spirit Colts 0
(Wieczorek 71)

Saturday 23 October

Wollongong Wolves Colts .0 Sydney United Colts 4
(Clowes 14, Gelevski 16, 57, Mrdjen 79i)
N.S.W.I.S 1 Northern Spirit 1
(Martin 81) (Monie 21)

Sunday 24 October

Newcastle Breakers Colts .0 A.I.S. 2
(Demourtzidis 13, Last 55)
Sydney Olympic 5 Wollongong Wolves 0
(Pisano 10, 79, Seitis 55, 68, Tome 73)

Sydney United v Marconi Stallions
(Match postponed due to inclement weather)

Marconi Stallions Colts v Sydney Olympic Academy
(Match postponed due to inclement weather)

Bye — A.C.T.A.S. and Q.A.S.

ROUND 5

Friday 29 October

A.C.T.A.S. v Wollongong Wolves Colts
(Bruce Stadium - 5.00pm)

Saturday 30 October 1999

Sydney United Colts v Marconi Stallions Colts
(Sydney United Sports Centre - 4.00pm)

Northern Spirit v Sydney Olympic
(Christie Park - 4.30pm)

Q.A.S v Parramatta Power
(Suncorp Metway Stadium - 4.45pm)
Northern Spirit Colts v N.S.W.I.S.
(Christie Park - 6.30pm)

A.I.S. v Newcastle Breakers
(A.I.S. Soccer Field - 7.00pm)

Sunday 31 October 1999
Sydney Olympic Academy v Sydney United
(Wentworth Park - 4.00pm)

Marconi Stallions v Newcastle Breakers Colts
(Marconi Stadium - 8.15pm)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	4	3	0	0	20	1	12
Parramatta Power	4	4	0	0	17	0	12
QAS	3	2	1	0	14	3	7
Northern Spirit	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Wollongong Wolves	4	2	0	2	3	6	6
Northern Spirit Colts	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
NSWIS	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
ACTAS	3	1	1	1	5	9	4
Newcastle Breakers	4	1	0	3	1	3	3
Sydney United Colts	4	1	0	3	7	1	3
Marconi Stallions	2	2	0	1	2	6	3
Sydney Olympic Academy	3	1	0	2	7	13	3
Newcastle Breakers Colts	4	0	0	4	3	11	0
Marconi Stallions Colts	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Sydney United	2	0	1	1	0	9	0
Wollongong Wolves Colts	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

NORTHERN DIVISION

By Theo Katsalos

The Parramatta Power continues to impress in their debut season after recording another win at Parramatta Stadium on Friday night. The four-nil demolition of the Sydney Olympic Academy is the fourth successive victory for the newcomers.

Despite fielding quality players such as Adrian Cervinski, Norman Tome and Sebastian Sinozic, the visitors had no answer to the might of the Power.

Danny Townsend opened the scoring after 24 minutes and also netted after 83 minutes. His goals were split by an own goal by Vedran Jaganjac and a strike by David Barrett after 83 minutes.

It must have been a welcome sight for David Mitchell to see Barrett back on the paddock after missing the first three rounds through injury.

The other Friday night clash saw the Newcastle Breakers host the Northern Spirit Colts at Breakers Stadium.

After three consecutive one-nil defeats the Breakers must have been on edge as the game progressed without a goal being scored.

However, it was the home side that secured the three points courtesy of a 71st minute winner from Brad Wieczorek.

The home ground advantage could not save the Wollongong Wolves Colts from suffering a four-nil defeat. Matthew Clowes scored after 14 minutes and was joined on the score sheet two minutes later by Mende Gelevski for the Sydney United Colts.

After leading 2-0 at half-time, the visitors added a third after 57 minutes through Gelevski and completed the scoring in the 79th minute via Antony Mrdjen.

At Valentine Park, the N.S.W.I.S. and the Northern Spirit played out a one-all draw. In a match that was always going to be a battle, the Spirit opened the scoring after 21 minutes.

James Monie, formerly of Blacktown City, was the scorer. Tallan Martin was the hero for the N.S.W.I.S. after scoring the equaliser in the 81st minute.

The villain for the home side was Victor Fernandez who received his second yellow card for the match and was subsequently sent-off only minutes before full-time.

On a wet and soggy North Lakes Oval the A.I.S. defeated the Newcastle Breakers Colts by two goals to nil. A goal either side of half-time condemned the Novocastrians to their fourth defeat this season. This season's leading marksman Elias Demourtzidis found the net yet again for the victors. His fifth strike in four matches came after 13 minutes. The A.I.S. lead was doubled in the 55th minute by midfielder Grant Last.

To wrap up Round 5, the Wollongong Wolves travelled to Belmore Sports Ground. The hosts went a goal up after only 10 minutes courtesy of a Damian Pisano goal.

Substitute Chris Seitis was only on the field for five minutes before he struck his first goal. His second came after 68 minutes. Norman Tome made it four-nil after 73 minutes before Pisano ended the scoring in the 79th minute. The five-nil result moved Olympic up to fifth place in the league.

Two matches were postponed on Sunday due to Sydney's inclement weather. The Sydney United and Marconi Stallions derby and the Marconi Stallions Colts and Sydney Olympic Academy clash were literally washed out. Both fixtures will be rescheduled.

LEADING SCORERS

Elias Demourtzidis	A.I.S.	5
Russeil Miner	Q.A.S	4
Kevo Guissarrian	A.I.S.	3
Daniel Kuckuka	Parramatta Power	3
Grant Last	A.I.S.	3
Damian Pisano	Sydney Olympic	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION ROUND 1

Saturday 23 October 1999

South Dandenong 1 Fawkner Blues 1
(Menzo Memeti) (Frank Tramontano)

Sunday 24 October 1999

Albury Wodonga 2 Melbourne Knights 8
(Michael Binney, David Martin) (Anthony Pelikan 3, Carmelo Impiombato 2, Josip Loncaric 2, Zlatko Maglic)

Melb Knights Academy 0 VIS 1
(Ricky Chillico)

South Melbourne 0 Bulleen Inter 1
(Adam Curcija)

Carlton 5 Preston Lions 0
(Angelo Motsopoulos 2, Ace Stojcevski, Colin Azzopardi, Nick Tolios)

Gippsland Falcons v Bye

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Knights	1	1	0	0	8	2	3
Carlton	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Bulleen Inter Kings	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
VIS	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
South Dandenong	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Fawkner Blues	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Gippsland Falcons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne Knights Academy	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
South Melbourne	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Albury Wodonga	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

ROUND TWO

Saturday 30 October 1999

Albury Wodonga v Fawkner Blues, (Alexandra Park, 4 pm)
Gippsland Falcons v South Dandenong, (Falcons Stadium, 4pm)

Sunday 31 October 1999

Bulleen Inter v Melb Knights Academy, (Mahoneys Reserve, 4 pm)
Carlton v South Melbourne, (Anderson Park, 4 pm)
Melbourne Knights v Preston Lions, (Knights Stadium, 5 pm)
Victoria Institute of Sport v Bye

By Roy May

The Southern Division of the National Youth League kicked off with eleven teams taking part in 1999-2000. Newcomers this season are South Dandenong, Fawkner Blues, Preston Lions and Melbourne Knights Academy.

Melbourne Knights beat Albury Wodonga by 8-2 at Knights Stadium, though this was scheduled to be a home game for the borderers. In brilliant sunshine, the Knights struck first when Zlatko Maglic completed a good build-up down the left with a lob over keeper William Flood which just dropped under the bar. That was in the sixth minute, but Albury Wodonga hit back with a strike by Michael Binney which stunned the home team.

This goal in the 20th minute began a 13 minute spell in which four more goals were added. When Albury Wodonga gave the ball away in midfield, Carmelo Impiombato put Anthony Pelikan clear for a simple finish for the Knights.

Then David Martin skinned his man and fired a shot over Dale Barbuto to put Albury Wodonga level again. Michael Reda set up a second goal for Pelikan and when John Didulica's shot was blocked Impiombato made it 4-2 for the Knights.

Five minutes later Jasmin Sehic's cross from the right was finished off by Impiombato at the second attempt. The Knights's sixth goal eight minutes into the second half was the best of the lot.

Michael Reda played a reverse pass to Didulica who hit it first time wide to the right where Pelikan struck an unstoppable volley from 20 metres.

Substitute Josip Loncaric slid in to convert a cross by another substitute Marin Kolceg, then Didulica limped off with a recurrence of his leg injury leaving the Knights with ten men, Chris Tabak having come on at the break.

Loncaric completed the scoring from the penalty spot in 72 minutes. Albury Wodonga showed a lot of effervescent attacking play throughout and Kelvin Davies and Carl Mills played very well.

The Victorian Institute of Sport had a narrow one-nil win over the Melbourne Knights Academy at Knights Stadium in the second game of the double header.

The young Knights held their opponents goal-less in the first half with sweeper Frank Dunic outstanding and Brandon Vassallo revelling in the chance to take his old colleagues from the VIS in midfield.

The breakthrough came six minutes into the second half when Ricky Chillico struck for the VIS.

David Terek headed a cross down into the path of Chillico, who kept cool as keeper Matthew McCarthy spread himself, then chipped the ball into the net.

The VIS then sat back hoping to hit the Knights on the break, but as coach Ernie Merrick said afterwards, "The breaks did not come".

The superior fitness of the VIS told in the end, but Zeljko Gagula will be pleased with the showing of his young Academy team on its first competitive outing.

Newcomers South Dandenong and Fawkner Blues drew one-all at Andrews Reserve on Friday night.

Frank Tramontano scored for Fawkner and Menzo Memeti equalised for South Dandenong. Bulleen Inter Kings upset South Melbourne with a one-nil win at Bob Jane Stadium.

Last year's Premier Carlton got off to a flying start in defence of its title with a five-nil win over Preston Lions. Former VIS striker Angelo Motsopoulos scored late in the first half, then Colin Azzopardi headed home after a corner kick just after the interval. Thereafter Carlton ran in three more goals through Motsopoulos again, Nick Tolios and Ace Stojcevski.

LEADING SCORERS

Anthony Pelikan	Melbourne Knights	3
Angelo Motsopoulos	Carlton	2
Josip Loncaric	Melbourne Knights	2
Carmelo Impiombato	Melbourne Knights	2

FAMOUS PHOTOS

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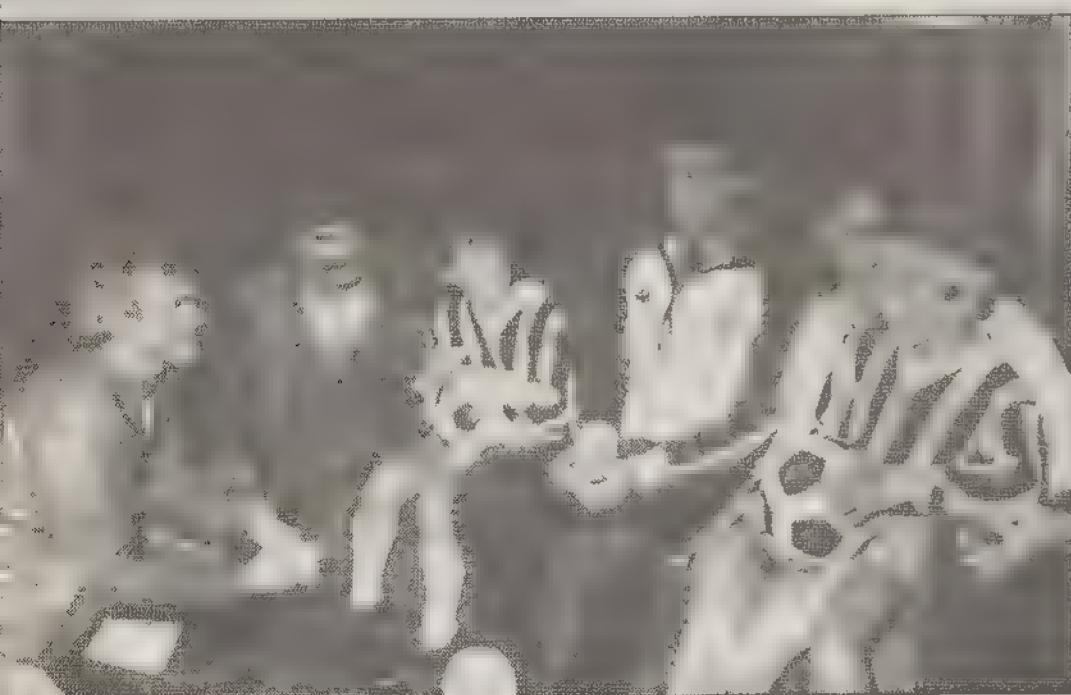
Stella Cossu, of Bonnyrigg in Sydney's west, writes: "...In 1984, when the Juventus team toured Australia, my sons Corrado and Damian had the privilege to meet Marco Tardelli (pictured above) and Claudio Gentile (pictured below). Both players represented Italy when Italy won the World Cup two years earlier in 1982.

Thanks to SBS's Les Murray (pictured below, far left), my sons had their soccer balls signed by the Italian superstars.

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Nick Stavroulakis of Greenacre in Sydney's inner south west pictured with South Melbourne defender Nick Orlic. The younger Nick played for Sydney Olympic in the NSW Under 14 Super Youth League and now plays for the ACT Academy of Sport.



Arthur Diles of Gladesville in Sydney's inner northwest is pictured with his favourite National Soccer League player Derek Poimer. The picture was taken when Poimer played for Sydney Olympic two years ago. Arthur is currently in Olympic's youth team and hopes to emulate his hero.

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NEW SOCCER COACHING MANUAL

Soccer Coaching Scene Magazine (pictured, right) was recently released on the South Coast of NSW, in the Illawarra Region.

It is a bi-monthly magazine, distributed throughout Australia and overseas by subscription only.

The editorial content in each edition is written by accredited, qualified Australian based coaches and sport specialists.

The aim of the magazine is to provide up to date information and techniques for coaches and players of all levels, allowing up and coming and current coaches to study the methods of experienced coaches who are coaching at a higher level.

Most coaching material available in Australia comes from overseas, so there is a need for Australian coaches to have their ideas on the game published.

There are some very knowledgeable coaches in Australia who should be heard. As well as skills and drills, the magazine covers other areas relating to good coaching, such as fitness, agility, plyometrics, speed training, sports psychology and many other varied topics.

Australian Referee Coaching Panel member and editor of Referee Australia, Phil Hafey, explains the rules and views of referees in a regular column, Ref's Whistle.

The latest in video cassettes and computer software for soccer from Reedswain Australia is reviewed. In 'Guest Coach' read what our NSL coaches reply to 20 questions.

Carlton's Stuart Munro was July's guest coach and September edition featured Northern Spirit's Graham Arnold.

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These drills are easy to follow for all levels of coaches. Soccer Coaching Scene's website has become a tool for

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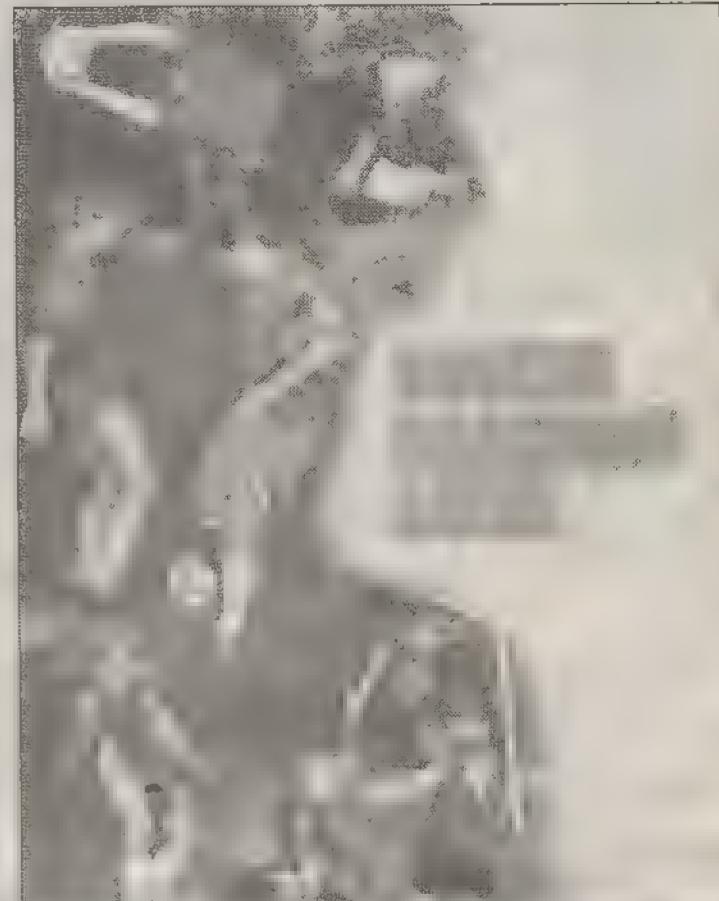
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Video Review - 3 Goalkeeping Videos from Reedswain Australia

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Under-17 World Cup preparation tour

MATCH TWO

The Australian Under-17 soccer team has suffered a 2-1 loss in the second match against the Uruguayan Under-17s in South America, in the build up to next month's World Championship in New Zealand.

Despite solid work in the opening stages of play with good chances to both WAYNE SRHOJ and JADE NORTH, the Australians went down a goal in the 20th minute after a goal-keeping error by JESS VAN STRATTAN.

The LG Joeys rallied with an equaliser just on half-time, LUCAS PANTELIS taking an early free kick from outside of the area, and finding NORTH on the far post, with the headed goal leveling the scores.

The Australians came out fighting in the second half and had Uruguay on the back foot from the start with both PANTELIS and SCOTT McDONALD going close in the five minutes from the resumption.

But the LG Joeys' hopes crumbled midway through the second half with both McDONALD and JOE DI IORIO sent off within three minutes of each other, in the 64th and 67th minutes, for on-the-ball incidents.

Playing the final 25 minutes with just nine men, the Australians withheld until a minute from full time, when a deflected shot found its way past VAN STRATTAN for a 2-1 win to the home team.

Australia Under-17s (Jade North 45) Uruguay Under-17s 2

Australian line-up:

Jess Van Strattan (gk); Adrian Madeschi, Mark Byrnes, Aaron Goulding, Jade North, Lucas Pantelis (Iain Fyfe 81), Dylan MacAllister (James Johnson 37), Wayne Srhoj, Louis Brain, Joshua Kennedy (Scott McDonald 45), Joe Di Iorio

Red Cards: Scott McDonald 64, Joe Di Iorio 67

MATCH THREE

A bagful of doubles has seen the Australian Under-17 soccer team wind up its Uruguayan leg of the South American Tour with a 7-0 win over club side Nacional in Montevideo last week.

After a disappointing and controversial loss to the Uruguayan Under-17s three days earlier, the LG Joeys totally dominated Nacional as they continue to prepare for the World Youth Championship in New Zealand next month.

Captain MARK BYRNES started the scoring spree in the 16th minute, volleying in a cross from IAIN FYFE.

ANTHONY DOUMANIS was upended in the penalty area 19 minutes into the game after a great solo run, with JOE DI IORIO converting from the spot after the resulting penalty, to make it 2-0.

SCOTT McDONALD headed in a cross from LOUIS BRAIN in the 22nd to make it 3-0. DI IORIO put his second on the board in the 35th minute, and it was 5-nil at half time with another goal to BYRNES in the 41st minute.

Substitute JOSH KENNEDY replaced McDONALD in the 55th minute and made an immediate impact on the game, scoring the final two goals in the 58th and 60th minutes, to wrap up proceedings for the Australians.

"The boys still have a very long task ahead of them, but after two hard games in the first few days against the Uruguay Under-17s, they've come through better than we thought," said coach LES SCHEINFLUG from Montevideo.

"While today's opposition was not as strong as our previous two games, it showed that the boys are starting to find their feet, and they are combining a lot better."

"We are working on the overall fitness, cohesion and tactical understanding of the team, and with six matches to go before we head to New Zealand, I can experiment a little more, but I'm quite pleased with today's performance, especially with the defenders — Mark Byrnes was outstanding and Joe Di Iorio is on fire so it's a good start."

Australia Under-17s 7 (M Byrnes 16, 41, J Di Iorio 19, 35, McDonald 22, J Kennedy 58, 60) Nacional Under-17s 0

Australian line-up:

Matthew Milosevic (gk); Shane Lockhart, Mark Byrnes, Aaron Goulding (Jade North 45), Iain Fyfe, Lucas Pantelis, Louis Brain, James Johnson, Anthony Doumanis (Wayne Srhoj 50), Scott McDonald (Joshua Kennedy 55), Joe Di Iorio.

MATCH FOUR

The Australian Under-17 soccer team has fought out a tough 4-2 win over Chilean 1st Division side Colo Colo in Santiago last Saturday to continue its good run on the current tour of South America.

LG Joeys captain MARK BYRNES continued his fine form in front of goal, latching onto a free kick from JOE DI IORIO to head the ball in for a 1-nil lead in just the fourth minute.

Colo Colo pulled back the equaliser in the 13th minute and took the lead in the 26th minute, holding onto a 2-1 lead into the half-time break.

Australia was back on even footing just 12 minutes into the second half though, SCOTT McDONALD equalising in the 57th minute from JADE NORTH free kick, with DI IORIO putting the LG Joeys ahead again in the 66th minute.

McDONALD picked up his second and Australia's fourth in the 71st minute, the LG Joeys running out 4-2 winners.

Australia Under-17s 4 (M Byrnes 4, S McDonald 57, 71, J Di Iorio 6, Colo Colo 2)

Australian line-up:

Matthew Milosevic (Jess Van Strattan 45); Shane Lockhart, Mark Byrnes, Aaron Goulding (James Johnson 45), Jade North, Lucas Pantelis, Louis Brain, Wayne Srhoj, Iain Fyfe, Joe Di Iorio (Joshua Kennedy 67), Scott McDonald.

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Back row left to right: Denis Kalogeropoulos, Dean Novy, Greg Kalogeropoulos, Tim Jones, Daniel Holmes, David Wilson, Joel Vasquez, Michael Boulton, Danny Wilson (coach), Grant Holland, Ryan Beaven, Chris Camilleri, Kurt Da Vanzo, Jacob Rouzan, Elliott Barsby, Matt Smith, Joey Spitalieri.

Pictured are the southern Sydney-based Sutherland Shire Under12s representative soccer team. These talented young men have taken out the NSW State Title two years in a row and also won other competitions such as the Tanner Cup and this year's Centenary Cup.

One of the player's mother — Shirley Vasquez — wrote this about the team: "...They are a wonderful group of boys headed by a great coach Danny Wilson and an equally great manager Denis

Kalogeropoulos. Danny has done wonderful work with these boys to bring them to the highest level of football possible for their age group.

"On behalf of the parents and the boys I would like to thank Danny for having the ability to see the talent in these boys and with his vision and great determination bring out the best from these players of the future. It will be sad to see the players go their separate ways no but we wish them all the best in their soccer careers."

Frank Brillo, of Kings Langley in Sydney's west, wrote in about the under-12s team he manages, CSI Schofields.

"...This year heralded the introduction of a new competition, the NSW Cadet League. Being a higher level of soccer, we had little understanding about the other teams' ability, strength and skill levels. As the season progressed it became apparent that there were at least eight teams which could seriously challenge for the Premiership.

"We were one of these teams. To the coach and players' credit, hard work, persistence, team commitment and dedication, the team finished the competition in outright third place and semi-final bound.

"The team won its semi-final but unfortunately in the grand final we failed to take our chances and lost 1-0. Nevertheless, we had been undefeated since round 14, a magnificent achievement by all."

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COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

It may be more than a month away but the Australian Schoolboys Soccer team is gearing up for its four-week tour of the United Kingdom.

"All matches have now been confirmed, including five full internationals and matches against Manchester United and Fulham," Media Liaison Officer Richard Beazley said.

"All the players and officials are raring to go. The tour three years ago was a great experience for the players and this one will be no different," Beazley added.

Matches are scheduled for England, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Complete squad details follow:

1 Shane Maycock (Christian Brothers College, South Australia)

2 David Tarka (Northlake Secondary College, Western Australia)

3 Robert Gaspar (Canning College, Western Australia)

4 Robert Bresciano (Marcellan College, Victoria)

5 Lyndon Parry (Immanuel College, South Australia)

6 Daniel Dreger (Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS, Queensland)

7 Antony Ferrante (St Peters College, South Australia)

8 Steven Dimitrievski (Keira Technology High, New South Wales)

9 Ryan Mitchell (Thomas More College, South Australia)

10 Chad Mansley (Whitebridge High, New South Wales)

11 Steven Bichler (Bundoora Secondary College, Victoria)

12 Steve Martin (Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Victoria)

13 Jason Dimozantos (Sandringham Secondary College, Victoria)

14 Joshua Jackett (Colo High, New South Wales)

15 Paul Brownlie (Kelvin Grove HS, Queensland)

16 Rade Kosanovic (Lake Ginninderra College, Australian Capital Territory)

SOCER WOMAN

MATILDAS UNEXPECTEDLY OFF TO CHINA



Bryony Duus: Making a return.

The Matildas yesterday (Monday) jetted off for China, Australia accepting an unexpected opportunity to tour China at very short notice.

The Chinese only extended the invitation two and a half weeks ago for two friendly matches in the southern provinces against the World Cup and Olympic silver medallists.

New National Coach Chris Tansey will utilise the tour to experiment and test some new players, and regards the trip as an extension of training.

Although the tour coincides with the Ansett Australia Summer Series, it is regarded as too good an opportunity to miss at this stage of the Matildas program and with China's hospitality extending to meeting the costs.

"It's irrelevant who we're playing — for us it's a chance to train elsewhere," explained Tansey, appointed to the post a month ago. "The players have been working intensely here at the AIS and the tour

will be a change of environment and freshen them mentally."

"It gives me an early look to see if individual players can do a certain job within the system we want to play. And with more established players such as Lisa Casagrande, Julie Murray and Sarah Cooper away in the US plus others injured, it's a great early chance for some from outside the program to see if they fit in. Really this is one step along the path of the next ten months."

Tansey announced his 18-member Team last Tuesday, and sure enough, there were three new players from outside the centralised program amongst those named.

Tansey's bold decisions just go to prove that the Matildas Team is indeed not a closed shop, even less than a year out from the Olympic Games.



Katrina Boyd: Back after a long absence.

Goalkeeper Leanne Trimboli (SA) and midfielders Danielle Small (NSW) and Heather Garriock (NSW) are the happy trio celebrating their first ever selection at this level.

Trimboli, age 23 of Adelaide, has impressed during the opening rounds of national league, and has never before worn the green and gold at any age level.

The shock decision of former number one Belinda Kitching to take a break from football has opened the door for Trimboli, and her selection came as somewhat of a surprise.

"I was hoping to just make a goalkeeper camp, and when Kevin (McCormack) said to me, 'How about China?', I had no idea what he was talking about," Trimboli said of the day she found out the good news.

With current number one keeper Tracey Wheeler drafted into the SASI Pirates team for the past three national league seasons, Trimboli has been in the unusual position of having to make the most of her shared time on the pitch.

Sixteen-year-old Sydneysider Garriock is rewarded for some class displays during the recent National Youth Championship and Ansett Summer Series matches.

The dynamic left-sided attacking midfielder was first recognised as a future talent with her inclusion in the National Train-On Squad in early 1998.

However, since then, she has been unavailable for the two Australian Youth Teams.

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Australian Team — China Tour:

Name	State	Position	DOB	Caps
Traci BARTLETT	ACT	D	17/05/72	43
Sharon BLACK	SA	M	04/04/71	40
Katrina BOYD	NSW	F	12/12/71	23
Bryony DUUS	QLD	M	07/10/77	13
Alicia FERGUSON	QLD	F	31/10/81	18
Alison FORMAN	NNSW	M	17/03/69	51
Heather GARRICK	NSW	M	21/12/82	0
Kelly GOLEBIOWSKI	NSW	F	26/07/81	17
Peita-Claire HEPERLIN	ACT	M	24/12/81	6
Sunni HUGHES	NNSW	F	09/06/68	45
Cheryl SALISBURY	NNSW	D	08/03/74	51
Danielle SMALL	NNSW	M	07/02/79	0
Bridgette STARR	NSW	D	10/12/75	41
Anissa TANN-DARBY	NSW	D	10/10/67	72
Leanne TRIMBOLI	SA	GK	10/11/75	0
Sacha WAINWRIGHT	ACT	D	06/02/72	17
Tracey WHEELER	WA	GK	26/09/67	36
Amy WILSON	ACT	M	09/06/80	10

Head of Delegation: Shirley BROWN
National Coach: Chris TANSEY
Assistant Coach: Ian MURRAY
Team Manager: Lesley MANN
Doctor: Dr Bruce HAMILTON
Physiotherapist: David BERG
Video Analyst: Karly PUMPA

Tansey brought her into the AIS recently for three days' training with the Squad and the youngster obviously showed enough for her to be included in his plans.

Small has played in the US for the past two years on a collegiate scholarship, currently at San Diego State University.

Yet during that period, she has remained in our sights, the 20-year-old from Newcastle making her mark in the National Youth Team in both Holland and Iceland, and playing against Canada for the Australia 'B' Team earlier this year.

Selections for this tour have also brought a smile to some older players' faces.

Making a return to Matildas selection are Bryony Duus and Sunni Hughes, (both recently added to the OAP Squad), Sacha Wainwright, and Katrina Boyd, all of whom have been absent from the international scene for a year or two.

Boyd is the only one of this group to come from outside the OAP Squad, although she is now based in Canberra.

China celebrated their best ever World Cup performance earlier this year, narrowly losing the final to hosts USA on a penalty shootout.

Their stunning display has resulted in an unprecedented million dollar sponsorship deal announced earlier this month.

China takes on the Matildas in preparation for the Asian Championships in early November, and boasts a 7-1 win-loss record against Australia.

The Matildas arrive back in Canberra on 2 November.

Australia's next international competition is the Australia Cup in January, kicking off an intense 2000 program.

AUSSIE PAIR IN WORLD STARS TEAM FOR U.S. VICTORY TOUR

Matildas Julie Murray and Sarah Cooper have been named in the World Stars Team to take on World Cup and Olympic Champions USA in the US Victory Tour, a 12-city indoor tour which commenced last week in Pittsburgh.

The pair take their place amongst what is being hailed as arguably the greatest collection of international women's soccer talent on one roster.

Murray captained Australia in both the 1999 and 1995 World Cups, and in February this year was a member of the first ever FIFA World All-Stars Team which defeated USA 2-1 in San Jose

as part of the World Cup draw ceremony.

The 29-year-old scored two of the Matildas' three goals at USA '99, and is Australia's 3rd highest capped player with 64 full internationals.

Cooper, age 30, has also competed in two World Cups and is a former Australian captain. Cooper has represented the green and gold in 52 full internationals.

The Aussie pair are committed to the full 12-city schedule, whereas some of their World teammates are available for only part of the tour. Murray and Cooper will return to Australia in early November when there is a short break in the schedule.

WORLD

PREMIER LEAGUE (ENGLAND)

CHELSEA 2 ARSENAL 3

Arsenal completed an astonishing comeback at Stamford Bridge in front of a watching FIFA delegation visiting as part of England's bid to host the 2006 World Cup.

Norwegian Tore Andre Flo had put Chelsea ahead in the 38th minute with a header from 12 metres out and the hosts made it 2-0 seven minutes after the break with another header, this time from Dan Petrescu.

But Nwankwo Kanu pulled one back with a toe-poke in the 75th minute, levelled shortly afterwards as Arsenal piled on the pressure and grabbed his hat-trick in the last minute.

WATFORD 1 'BORO 3

The hosts made a disastrous start with an own goal in the opening two minutes, Mark Williams heading into his own net while challenging in the air with Brian Deane.

Brazilian Juninho doubled the visitors' lead when he tapped in Christian Ziege's cross in the 18th minute.

Watford came out for the second half pumped up and Tommy Smith pulled one back for them nine minutes after the break.

Manager Graham Taylor's men had Boro on the back foot for much of the second half but with seven minutes to go Paul Ince finished off a superb three-man move to slide the ball home for 3-1.

EVERTON 4 LEEDS 4

Everton took the lead after just four minutes through Kevin Campbell when the striker curled a superb effort past Nigel Martyn in the Leeds goal.

Eleven minutes later the league leaders — coming into the match on a club-record run of 10 straight wins — were back on level terms when Michael Bridges tapped in.

The hosts retook the lead just before the half hour against the run of play through a Campbell break-away goal but again Leeds levelled when Harry Kewell floated a 35 metre effort over Paul Gerrard.

Everton's Don Hutchison restored their lead eight minutes before the break with a deflected effort.

Bridges made it 3-3 with a scorching right foot volley in the 67th minute and Jonathon Woodgate headed home three minutes later to put Leeds ahead for the first time in the match.

They could not hold on, though, and David Weir made it 4-4 in injury time.

WEST HAM 1 SUNDERLAND 1

Ten-man Sunderland broke the deadlock in the 24th minute with Kevin Phillips's 13th goal of the season.

Phillips threw himself at a Niall Quinn cross to put the visitors ahead.

The goal came just minutes after Sunderland had Steve Bould dismissed for an off-the-ball incident with West Ham's Costa Rican striker Paulo

Wanchope.

West Ham came out the stronger in the second half but struggled to break down Sunderland's determined defence.

The visitors thought they had done enough to take the full points but Trevor Sinclair bagged an equaliser for the Hammers with a minute to go.

ASTON VILLA 1 WIMBLEDON 1

Robbie Earle silenced the home fans with a goal against the run of play in the 27th minute to give Wimbledon the lead.

But Villa were back on level terms eight minutes later when new signing Benito Carbone, making his debut, jinked past two defenders to hit in a perfect cross for Dion Dublin to head firmly home.

Both sides ran out of ideas in the second half and the match petered out into a draw.

BRADFORD 3 LEICESTER 1

Bradford thrilled their fans with a first home win of the season.

Robbie Blake rifled in the opener from the edge of the penalty area after out-pacing Frank Sinclair in the 12th minute.

Leicester levelled through an Andy Impey tap-in but Lee Mills restored the hosts' lead five minutes before the break with a header.

Neil Redfearn toe-poked Bradford's third to ensure victory in the 66th.

SHEFFIELD W 0 COVENTRY 0

Bottom-of-the-league Sheffield Wednesday ground out a listless 0-0 draw at home to Coventry.

The visitors' Mustapha Hadji went closest to scoring in a largely uneventful first half and the Moroccan looked the liveliest player after the break.

His cross was met by Gary McAllister minutes into the second half but the former Scotland star headed centimetres over the Wednesday bar.

SOUTHAMPTON 1 LIVERPOOL 1

Liverpool grabbed a late equaliser to earn a share of the points at Southampton.

The visitors had the upper hand for most of the first half but it was Southampton who went in 1-0 up at the break.

Trond-Egil Soltvedt stunned Liverpool with a goal after Matt Le Tissier headed across the face of the goal.

Liverpool lost Michael Owen with a hamstring injury midway through the second half and had to finish the match with 10 men as they had used all their substitutes.

But even with 10 men Liverpool looked the stronger and Titi Camara scored a deserved equaliser nine minutes from the end.

TOTTENHAM 3 MAN UNITED 1

Tottenham inflicted Manchester United's fourth defeat in five matches in a hard-fought battle at White Hart Lane.

Ryan Giggs opened the scoring for the visitors with a deft chip over the goalkeeper in the 24th minute but Steffen Iversen scrambled an equaliser

past Mark Bosnich 13 minutes later.



Arsenal's Emmanuel Petit and Chelsea's Didier Deschamps.

past Mark Bosnich 13 minutes later.

United's confused defence were all at fault for the equaliser and then, three minutes later, Paul Scholes headed past his own 'keeper to give Spurs a 2-1 lead at half time.

Stephen Carr smashed a spectacular third past Bosnich in the 71st minute to complete victory.

SERIE A (ITALY)

INTER MILAN 1 AC MILAN 2

Ronaldo converted a 20th minute penalty to put Inter ahead but 12 minutes later, hero turned villain as the Brazilian elbowed Argentine defender Roberto Ayala and was sent off.

In the 67th, Oliver Bierhoff was substituted by Andriy Schevchenko and within six minutes, the Ukrainian had claimed his seventh goal of the season with a fortuitous equaliser.

Ayala's dismissal in the 82nd minute appeared to guarantee 10-man Inter at least a point but George Weah headed home substitute Zvonimir Boban's last minute corner to give Milan their first derby victory in six years.

BARI 1 JUVENTUS 1

Juve's nine-year unbeaten record at Bari was never in doubt once Gianluca Pessotto scored in the 21st minute but the Turin side will be disappointed with a draw after conceding a Gionatha Spini freekick four minutes from time.

Juve's Yugoslav striker Darko Kovacevic was sent off on the 88th minute.

BOLOGNA 0 VERONA 0

Bologna rarely looked like improving Serie A's worst goal scoring record of three goals in seven matches, not even after the dismissal of Verona's Anthony Seric in the 63rd minute.

CAGLIARI 0 UDINESE 3

Udinese continued their jinx on the Sant'Elia ground, setting up their fourth victory in five visits with two goals in the opening seven minutes.

Dane Henry Van Der Velt's fourth minute freekick took a deflection on the way into the net before ex-Cagliari striker Roberto Muzzi added a second in the seventh. Muzzi rubbed salt into his old teammates' wounds with Udinese's third in the 63rd minute.

LAZIO 4 LECCE 2

Cristiano Lucarelli silenced the Olympic Stadium with a 17th minute opener before second-choice

goalkeeper Massimo Lotti — making his Serie A debut aged 30 — threatened to keep Lazio at bay single-handedly. But Giuseppe Pancaro finally equalised (27) before two goals in two minutes from Dejan Stankovic (30 and 32) appeared to put Lazio in charge.

But the underdogs refused to lie down with Lucarelli's deflected 33rd minute shot keeping the result in doubt until substitute Simone Inzaghi's last minute goal.

PACINIZIA 2 FIORENTINA 0

Giovanni Trapattoni offered to resign after watching his side capitulate to an 83rd minute header from Paolo Cristallini and an 88th minute Arturo Di Napoli penalty, after Angelo Di Livio fouled Massimo Rastelli.

But Fiorentina's preparation for their Champions League clash with Arsenal this week might have been smooth if Abel Balbo's 65th minute header had not hit the post. Instead Florentine misery was compounded when Czech defender Tomas Repka was sent off in the last minute.

REGGIANA 2 PARMA 2

Argentine Hernan Crespo took just a minute to head Diego Fuser's freekick into the Reggina net. Parma held on to their lead until the 55th minute when ex-Lazio midfielder Roberto Baroni made amends for an earlier freekick that hit the post by sending a second beyond Gianluigi Buffon into the bottom corner.

Crespo struck again to put Parma ahead in the 56th minute only for Andrea Pirlo, recently signed from Inter Milan, to equalise four minutes later with a header from a corner.

TORINO 1 ROMA 1

Torino took the lead against the run of play in the 21st minute as Brazilian defender Antonio Zago miskicked and sent Djibril Diawara's cross straight to Alessio Scarchilli, who chested down and volleyed into the roof of the net.

The visitors had to wait until the 55th minute for a deserved equaliser, Eusebio Di Francesco heading home Marcos Assuncao's freekick. In the dying minutes, Torino's Djibril Diawara was sent off and Luca Bucci denied their first victory in this fixture in 13 years.

PALERMO 2 VENEZIA 1

In a rain-soaked match which Venezia manager Luciano Spalletti later said should have been suspended, Filippo Manieri put the visitors ahead with a 10th minute spotkick. But substitute Nicola Amoruso, recently signed from Juventus, saved his new club with goals in the 54th and 72nd minute.

AC Milan's George Weah and Inter's Ronaldo.

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GROUP A

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

Bayer Leverkusen	1	Lazio	1
Dynamo Kiev	1	Maribor	1

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

Maribor	0	Bayer Leverkusen	2
Lazio	2	Dynamo Kiev	1

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

Lazio	4	Maribor	0
Bayer Leverkusen	1	Dynamo Kiev	1

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Maribor	0	Lazio	4
Dynamo Kiev	4	Bayer Leverkusen	2

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Lazio v Bayer Leverkusen
Maribor v Dynamo Kiev

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

Bayer Leverkusen v Maribor
Dynamo Kiev v Lazio

Table

Q-Lazio	4	3	1	0	11	2	10
Bayer Leverkusen	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Dynamo Kiev	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Maribor Teatanic	4	1	0	3	1	10	3

GROUP B

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

AIK	1	Barcelona	2
Fiorentina	0	Arsenal	0

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Arsenal	3	AIK Stockholm	1
Barcelona	4	Fiorentina	2

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Barcelona	1	Arsenal	1
AIK Stockholm	0	Fiorentina	0

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Arsenal	2	Barcelona	4
Fiorentina	3	AIK Stockholm	0

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Barcelona v AIK Stockholm
Arsenal v Fiorentina

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

AIK Stockholm v Arsenal
Fiorentina v Barcelona

Table

Q-Barcelona	4	3	1	0	11	6	10
Fiorentina	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Arsenal	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
AIK Stockholm	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

GROUP C

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

Boavista	0	Rosenborg	3
Feyenoord	1	B. Dortmund	1

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

B. Dortmund	3	Boavista	1
Rosenborg	2	Feyenoord	2

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Rosenborg	2	B. Dortmund	2
Boavista	1	Feyenoord	1

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Borussia Dortmund	0	Rosenborg	3
Feyenoord	1	Boavista	1

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Rosenborg v Boavista
Borussia Dortmund v Feyenoord

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

Boavista v Borussia Dortmund
Feyenoord v Rosenborg

Table

Rosenborg	4	2	2	0	10	4	8
Borussia Dortmund	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Feyenoord	4	0	4	0	5	5	4
Boavista	4	0	2	2	3	8	2

GROUP D

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

Manchester Utd	0	Croatia Zagreb	0
Marseille	2	Sturm Graz	0

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Sturm Graz	0	Man.Utd	3
Croatia Zagreb	1	Marseille	2

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Croatia Zagreb	3	Sturm Graz	0
Manchester Utd	2	Marseille	1

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Sturm Graz	1	Croatia Zagreb	0
Olympique Marseille	1	Manchester Utd	0

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Croatia Zagreb v Manchester United
Sturm Graz v Olympique Marseille

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

Manchester United v Sturm Graz
Olympique Marseille v Croatia Zagreb

Table

Olympique Marseille	4	3	0	1	6	3	9
Manchester Utd	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Croatia Zagreb	4	1	1	2	4	3	4
Sturm Graz	4	1	0	3	1	8	3

SECOND ROUND

Four Groups of Four
November 24, December 8, March 1
March 8, March 15, March 22

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First Leg — May 3
Second Leg — May 10

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2 Czech Republic	70 Mali	138 St Vincent/Gr
3 France	71 Guatemala	139 Ethiopia
4 Spain	72 Estonia	140 Hong Kong
5 Germany	73 Burkina Faso	141 Solomon Islands
6 Croatia	74 AUSTRALIA	142 San Marino
7 Norway	75 Honduras	143 Panama
8 Argentina	76 Bosnia-Herzegovina	144 Sri Lanka
8 Romania	76 Nigeria	145 Dominica
10 Italy	78 Northern Ireland	145 Saint Lucia
10 Mexico	78 Cuba	147 Andorra
12 England	80 Uzbekistan	148 Antigua & Barbuda
13 Portugal	81 Austria	148 Bangladesh
14 Sweden	82 Canada	150 Gambia
15 Yugoslavia	83 Senegal	150 Lesotho
16 Netherlands	84 Albania	152 Dominican Rep.
17 Denmark	84 Namibia	152 Laos
18 Paraguay	86 Gabon	154 Yemen
19 Russia	87 Armenia	155 Mauritania
20 Scotland	88 Guinea	156 Niger
21 Slovakia	89 Qatar	157 Rwanda
22 United States	90 Togo	158 Cayman Islands
23 Chile	91 Wales	159 Maldives
23 Ukraine	92 Oman	160 Kyrgyzstan
25 Austria	93 El Salvador	160 Surinam
25 Colombia	93 Iraq	162 British Virgin Is.
27 Israel	95 Moldova	163 Bermuda
28 Morocco	96 Belarus	163 Botswana
29 South Africa	97 Mozambique	165 Nepal
30 Greece	98 Azerbaijan	166 Korea DPR
30 Poland	99 New Zealand	167 Netherlands Ant.
32 Belgium	100 Indonesia	168 Eritrea
32 Tunisia	101 Liberia	169 Palestine
34 Zambia	101 Kenya	170 Guyana
35 Republic of Ireland	101 Singapore	171 Cambodia
36 Bulgaria	104 Haiti	171 Guinea-Bissau
37 Turkey	105 Congo	173 Chinese Taipei
38 Egypt	106 Vietnam	174 Macao
38 Saudi Arabia	107 Syria	175 Cape Verde Islands
40 Korea Republic	108 Lebanon	176 Tonga
41 Trinidad & Tobago	109 Uganda	177 Samoa
42 Uruguay	110 Venezuela	178 Cook Islands
43 Peru	111 Faroe Islands	178 Papua New Guinea
44 Jamaica	112 Malawi	180 Philippines
45 Lithuania	113 Barbados	181 Pakistan
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49 Ivory Coast	117 Kazakhstan	185 Chad
49 Switzerland	118 Sierra Leone	186 Aruba
51 Japan	119 Mauritius	186 Bahamas
52 Finland	120 Malta	188 Belize
52 Slovenia	121 Grenada	188 Seychelles
54 Ghana	122 Luxembourg	190 Nicaragua
55 Angola	123 Tanzania	191 US Virgin Islands
56 Cameroon	124 Bahrain	192 Djibouti
57 Bolivia	125 Turkmenistan	193 Turks & Caicos Is.
58 Kuwait	126 Myanmar	194 Equatorial Guinea
59 China PR	127 Sudan	194 Sao Tome & Principe
60 Congo DR (Zaire)	128 Liechtenstein	196 Somalia
61 Ecuador	129 Swaziland	197 Central African Rep.
62 Georgia	130 Tajikistan	198 Mongolia
63 United Arab Emirates	131 Fiji	198 American Samoa
64 FYR Macedonia	132 Burundi	200 Guam
64 Latvia	133 Madagascar	201 Anguilla
66 Thailand	134 Tahiti	201 Montserrat
67 Costa Rica	135 Benin	201 St Kitts & Nevis

Note: Teams inactive since 1991 and teams which have not played yet do not appear in the table.



OLIVER DENIES ENGLISH RUMOUR



Oliver Bierhoff: Happy at AC Milan.

German international striker Oliver Bierhoff last week denied speculation that he was planning to leave AC Milan to play in the English Premier League.

"I have been playing for eight years in Italy and I have three years to run on my contract with Milan," Bierhoff, 31, said.

"I want to fulfil those terms. Milan is one of Europe's biggest clubs. I'm very happy there."

He said speculation that he might leave Milan to play in England had been the result of a misunderstanding.

"An English journalist asked me a couple of weeks ago if I could imagine myself playing in England sometime. I said yes.

"But that doesn't mean I want a transfer," Bierhoff said.

Milan lost 1-0 Hertha Berlin in a Champions League Group H match last Wednesday.

VILLA SIGN CARBONE

Aston Villa have signed Italian striker Benito Carbone from Sheffield Wednesday until the end of the season and could negotiate a permanent deal if he makes a good impression.

"If things go well for Benito over the next few months we may well want to sit down with him and enter into a long-term contract," said Villa manager John Gregory.

Carbone, who joined the Sheffield club from Inter Milan in 1996, had been out in the cold at Hillsborough since refusing to be a substitute for a Premier League game at

Southampton in August.

"We have been lacking a spark in the last third of the pitch this season," said Gregory. "But Benito should be able to provide that with his guile and flair."

Villa, who have effectively taken over Carbone's contract until May 31, have agreed to pay Wednesday a nominal fee for him plus a further undisclosed amount based on appearances.

Carbone said the past few months had been a nightmare for him.

"I made a big mistake at Southampton and I have paid everything for it. But I do not want to say

bad things about Sheffield.

"For the fans' sake I hope they can save their season and not be relegated. It will be difficult but I wish them well."

Carbone denied he had already made up his mind to return to Italy at the end of the season.

"I have a big respect for English football and if I have the chance to stay with Villa for three or four years I would be happy to do so," he said.

"I am grateful to John Gregory for giving me the opportunity of playing for Aston Villa."

COLLYMORE FINED

English Premier league club Aston Villa have fined striker Stan Collymore two weeks' wages after the striker failed to turn up for training last week.

Collymore returned to the Midlands club after spending three months on loan at first division Fulham but Villa manager John Gregory said that he had not showed up for training.



Stan Collymore

"He didn't turn up at all. It's not my problem. He was fined a fortnight's wages when he was at Fulham as well," he said.

Gregory said he hoped a permanent deal could be negotiated with Fulham.

Collymore became the most expensive player in English football when he joined Liverpool in 1995 for 8.5 million pounds (\$21.5 million) but his career has been dogged by negative publicity and depression.

THE END IS NEAR FOR FAMOUS BACK FIVE



David Seaman



Tony Adams



Nigel Winterburn



Lee Dixon



Martin Keown

Barcelona's stunning 4-2 win over Arsenal in the Champions League last week could signal the end of one of English soccer's most respected institutions — Arsenal's famous back five.

Goalkeeper David Seaman (425 Arsenal appearances), Lee Dixon (521), Nigel Winterburn (553), Martin Keown (303) and skipper Tony Adams (595) were ripped to shreds by the brilliance of Barcelona's counter-attacking game which brought goals for Rivaldo, Luis Enrique, Luis Figo and Phillip Cocu.

Although Rivaldo's goal from the penalty spot was the result of a clear dive by Cocu over the outstretched legs of Adams, it should not be allowed to hide the fact that Barcelona's clinical and incisive raids left the defenders — all well into their 30s — outpaced and outrun.

Although their collective obituary has been penned prematurely many times in the recent past after playing together for more than a decade, their immediate future as a defensive unit looks uncertain after conceding four goals together for the first time since manager Arsene Wenger moved to Highbury three years ago.

It was also their worst defeat in Europe since Spartak Moscow beat them 5-2 at Highbury in the first round of the UEFA Cup in 1982.

Wenger, normally the model of diplomacy and loyalty towards his players through good times and bad, spoke with unusual candour about the defence after the defeat which leaves

Arsenal's qualification for the next phase of the competition balanced on a knife-edge.

"The defence did not have a good day," he said. "It was not the greatest — they were exposed and did not get any protection."

"Tony Adams is very down, he always is when he loses, but I won't single him out. You win as a team and you lose as a team."

"But it certainly showed our weakness in certain areas and we certainly gave them too much space. We conceded two goals in a minute very early in the match and from then on, against a team like Barcelona, you are chasing the game."

There had been suggestions that England manager Kevin Keegan should play all five Arsenal defenders against Scotland in the Euro 2000 playoffs next month — but that idea is likely to be forgotten about after last week's debacle.

Seaman, who missed the first 13 matches of the season with a calf injury and was playing only his third match of the campaign, looked ill at ease most of the night.

Although he got a hand to two of the four goals, he was well below the form that has made him England's No. 1 choice for the last five years.

Wenger has been preparing for the time when he needs to change his defence and has been grooming 20-year-old England under-21 international Matthew Upson, the natural successor to Adams, for the day when they

can no longer compete at the highest level.

There are other replacements waiting in the wings such as Silvinho, the 25-year-old left-sided Brazilian defender bought in the last northern summer from Corinthians, and 22-year-old Austrian goalkeeper Alex Manninger, who has impressed many when deputising for Seaman in the last two years.

Wenger now has to make some

important decisions, especially as another home defeat to Fiorentina at Wembley in the Champions League tomorrow (Wednesday) would see Arsenal eliminated from the competition.

Meanwhile, Arsenal as a club may be rueing one decision already taken — to play their Champions League matches at Wembley instead of Highbury.

Although 73,000 — most of them

Arsenal fans — were at Wembley to provide another bumper payday for the club, the team has performed poorly there in the Champions League over the last two seasons, winning twice, losing twice and drawing one of their five matches.

In contrast they have lost only five times in 38 home matches at Highbury since they first competed in Europe in 1963.

THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING PELE

Armed criminals attempting to hold up a car at gunpoint in Sao Paulo backed down on discovering that Pele was sitting in the back seat, an aide to the player said last week.

Pele's car had stopped at traffic lights in a prosperous neighbourhood when the two would-be thieves approached the driver, pointed a gun and told him to open the window, his personal secretary Jose Fornos Rodrigues said.

"When Pele took off his cap the thieves looked at him, gave him the thumbs-up sign, apologised and

walked off," said Rodrigues.

Pele, who was with his wife, often wears a baseball cap to avoid being recognised.

Rodrigues said Pele had been saddened rather than angered by the incident.

"When he scored his 1,000th goal 30 years ago in the Maracana, he dedicated it to the children of Brazil," he said.

"He said that if the Brazilian government had looked after the country's children they would not be on the street robbing and stealing and this would not have happened. He is very sad."

"It is so common nowadays that he didn't think it was a big deal."

Pele fared better than Flamengo striker Romario, another top Brazilian player, who lost his car in an armed robbery in Rio de Janeiro in September, despite being recognised.

Romario said he was driving through the city when another car pulled in front of him, two men armed with guns got out and forced him to hand over his vehicle.

"One of them said 'it's Romario' but they still took the car," he said.

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THAT PENALTY MISS

Gary McAllister will perhaps wish for two things when Scotland face England to decide their European Championship fate next month — that Scotland win and nobody has to take a penalty.

The 12-yard spot-kick has played a significant part in England's recent history at international level but nobody has suffered at the hands of its fickle whim more than McAllister.



It was at Wembley that the Coventry captain missed the penalty which contributed to his country's 2-0 defeat the last time the teams met, during those heady days of Euro 96.



Gary McAllister: Suffered unbelievable abuse from fans.

As a result, the 34-year-old became perhaps this fixture's most notable victim.

Though he could not have suspected it at the time, McAllister's error would spark a hate campaign among a section of the Scottish supporters that culminated in him announcing his retirement from international football in March this year.

Ironically, the outcome that European summer day three years ago — both for his country and his own career — could have been so different had McAllister remained true to a technique that had served him well in the past.

"Hitting penalties straight down the middle of the goal is not normally something I do," reflected McAllister.

"I normally place my penalties but I felt that if I side-footed it, David Seaman would just drop his cap on it.

"Goalkeepers tend to go early in those situations so I decided to hit it straight down the middle.

"The problem was that I just did not hit it high enough. As Seaman dived it hit his trailing elbow and went over.

"It's fair to say the mistake was crucial."

Now fully recovered from knee ligament damage that kept him out of last year's World Cup Finals, McAllister remains one of the Premiership's more highly-rated performers.

With Scotland happy to admit they cannot match England for ability, it is rather absurd to see Craig Brown's team without McAllister in it.

But the Scottish public made up their minds a long time ago and McAllister will certainly not go back, not even as a spectator. He will be in the stand at Wembley on November 17 but will not make the trip north of the border for the first leg, four days earlier.

Clearly, memories of the abuse he received playing his 57th and final game against the Czech Republic seven months ago are still too vivid.

"For the first time in my career



English fans in full voice.

I felt pressure from outside affecting my game," recalled McAllister, who was substituted that night for his own protection.

"I had never suffered from doubts before but out there it was as if I was walking on eggshells.

"I remember thinking: 'If I nick a little ball round the corner of their defence and there's nobody there to take it, I'm going to get hammered'.



"I decided there and then that I didn't need the aggravation any more. Looking back I realise it wasn't the whole crowd. But to me it sounded like a hundred thousand voices."

Aston Villa defender Colin Calderwood also played in the Wembley game three years ago and he said: "The blame for the defeat was placed on Gary's shoulders and that was wrong.

"It's not as if Gary did it on purpose. If a player goes on strike or causes trouble on purpose for his team then he deserves anything he gets.

"But all Gary did was miss a penalty. The way he was treated afterwards and particularly in the game against the Czech Republic

was not right."

As the decisive tie draws nearer, the Scottish and English public will once more begin to look for heroes.

But, if we wish for one thing ahead of the game, perhaps it should not be that those who succeed are celebrated but that those who fail are tolerated. Certainly Gary McAllister would agree.

"My only concern now is that what happened to me does not happen to somebody else," he said.

SOLD OUT

More than one and a quarter million people jammed telephone lines as they tried to buy a ticket for England's vital Euro 2000 playoff match against Scotland next month.

Organisers said tickets sold out early last Tuesday after unprecedented demand had seen ticket lines flooded and hundreds of thousands of callers unable to get through over the previous 24 hours.

England is approaching fever pitch over the two matches on November 13 and 17 between two traditional close rivals over which one nation will qualify.

"The game is now a complete sell-out. Over one and a quarter million people have attempted to call the ticket hotline over the past 24 hours," Wembley Stadium said in a statement.

Wembley has a capacity of 80,000 for the November 17 second leg game.

BLATTER DOUSES SALARY CAP IDEA

Market conditions will set the level for transfer fees and players' salaries, not FIFA, Sepp Blatter, president of soccer's world governing body, said last Wednesday.

But Blatter's remarks appeared to run counter to those made recently by FIFA's secretary-general.

Blatter told the Swiss journalists' association last Wednesday:

"I believe we should not put limits on transfers or cap salaries."

"It's the law of supply and demand, it's business. The market will decide. One day there will not be enough money and the salaries will reduce."

"We should not copy North American sports this way. The only way we should copy North America is to have professional referees."

But three weeks ago FIFA's secretary general Michel Zen-Ruffinen told a conference on the future of sport on

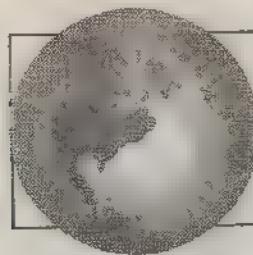
television that the world body planned to bring in new rules to stem the rise of the number of matches and stop transfer fees from spiralling out of control.

"There is a risk of saturation in top level football and transfer fees are 10 times higher than they were a decade ago," said Zen-Ruffinen.

He indicated that FIFA wanted to impose a ceiling on transfer fees with some players now commanding up to \$50 million to change clubs.

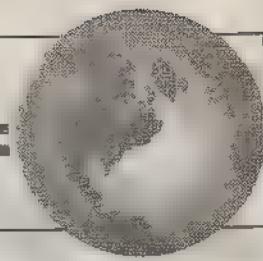
Zen-Ruffinen also said FIFA would try to influence players' salaries, pointing out that players in England can now earn the equivalent of 100,000 Swiss francs (\$100,000) a week.

Blatter's stand also appeared to oppose UEFA, European soccer's governing body, which is also investigating North American style salary caps.

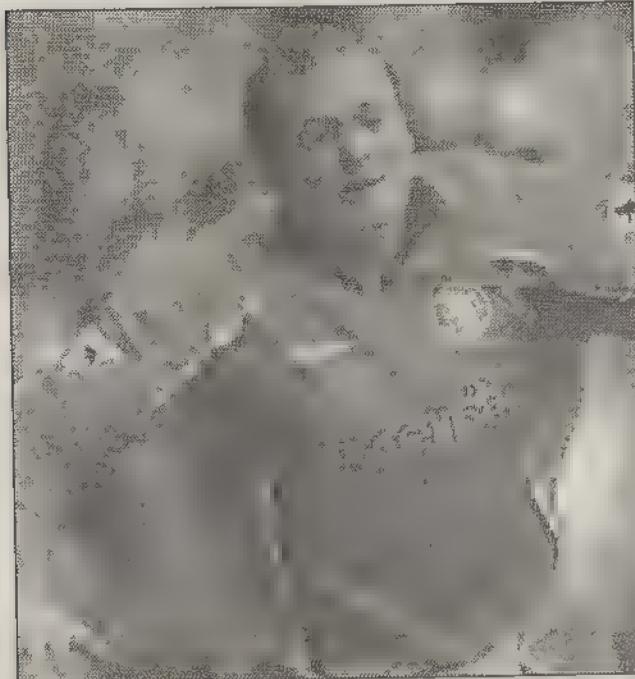


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GAZZA IN LINE FOR ENGLAND RECALL



Paul Gascoigne: The stats reveal he is in top form.

While Paul Gascoigne readily admits he is in the twilight of his unique career, he is still holding his own in England's top division at the age of 32.

Now in his second full season at Middlesbrough, Gascoigne still shows glimpses of the form he showed at his peak, and along with Paul Ince and Robbie Mustoe, Gazza forms one of the most experienced midfielders in the Premiership.

Gascoigne's skill and experience is evident in his passing, with an impressive 83% of his passes finding teammates, above average for a Premiership midfielder.

Despite his well-documented

red card against Chelsea for swearing at a linesman, Gazza has only committed four fouls so far during 1999-2000 and is yet to be booked, so it is petulance more than dirty play that is threatening to curtail the former England man's season.

Boro's preference for five at the back as opposed to orthodox wingers allows others to drift wide and supply the front men, and Paul Gascoigne has registered 20 crosses and corners, more than any other Boro player this season despite only playing five hours of Premiership football.

And if Gazza continues the impressive displays shown so far this season, he will have people asking if he can once again pull on an England shirt.

GAZZA'S PREMIERSHIP STATISTICS

OPTA

Minutes on pitch	308
Goals	1
Shots on Target (Inc goals)	1
Shots off Target	3
Blocked Shots	1
Goal Assists	1
Total Passes	156
Pass Completion %	83
Total Crosses	20
Cross Completion %	35
Dribbles and Runs	18
Dribble Completion %	72
Tackles made	18
Tackles won %	50
Blocks	2
Clearances	4
Interceptions	7
Fouls	4
Offsides	1
Yellow Cards	0
Red Cards	1

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MICHAEL OWEN BACK IN FORM

English soccer fans have been amazed with the skill level and lethal finishing shown by Liverpool's Michael Owen and the scary thing is that Owen is still in his teens.

The young star was timed last season as the fastest striker in the Premiership, and his recent lay-off due to a hamstring problem has done little to hamper the England international.

Owen has shown that he is adept to scoring spectacular goals — who will forget the scorcher against Argentina in last year's World Cup, a goal which is destined to be replayed several times for many years to come.

The young Liverpool star however is still settling back into the Liverpool side following his four-month lay-off from first-team action. He has netted only twice this season from nine shots at goal, both strikes coming in the 2-2 draw with Leicester, but his brilliant curler against Luxembourg at Wembley proved that he hasn't lost his touch for the spectacular.



Michael Owen: Still a lethal finisher.

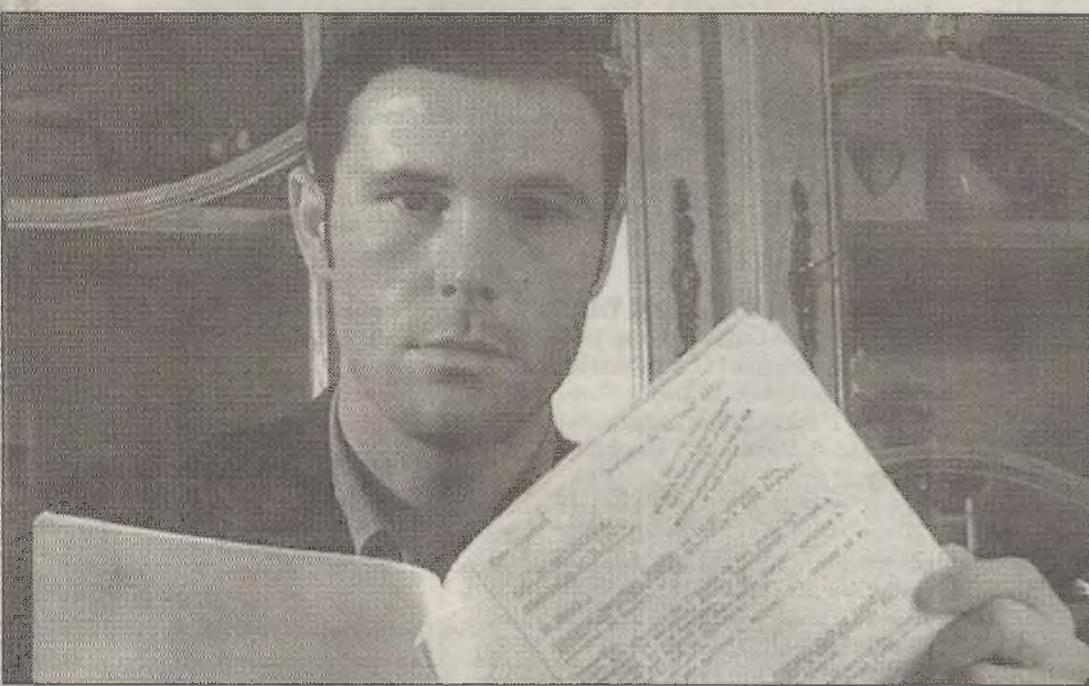
Owen displays excellent close control and skill when running with the ball and if given a glimpse of the goals, the England international will on most cases make his opposition pay.

OWEN'S PREMIERSHIP STATISTICS

OPTA

Minutes on pitch	376
Goals	2
Shots on Target (Inc goals)	4
Shots off Target	5
Blocked Shots	4
Goal Assists	0
Total Passes	75
Pass Completion %	63
Total Crosses	2
Cross Completion %	0
Dribbles and Runs	21
Dribble Completion %	48
Tackles made	12
Tackles won %	42
Blocks	0
Clearances	1
Interceptions	2
Fouls	5
Offsides	4
Yellow Cards	1
Red Cards	0

BOSMAN RULINGS MAY BE REVERSED



Jean-Marc Bosman: One of Europe's most influential figures of the past 10 years.

The European Commission hinted last week that it might reverse some of the effects of the 1995 Bosman ruling to ensure the survival of smaller European soccer clubs.

"This could be very damaging in the medium and long run (and) could eliminate the effort to train youth in the smaller clubs," Reding, who is from Luxembourg, told a news conference.

The policy we want is that more and more young people are trained in more and more clubs, so we will try to go in that direction to help these smaller clubs."

She declined to give further details.

The landmark Bosman ruling in the European



Court of Justice banned transfer fees for out-of-contract players and ended limits on the number of overseas players in one team.

Since then, smaller clubs with their own youth training schemes have complained that there is little return on their investment, as they soon lose their brightest prospects to the richest clubs.

"This cannot be the policy we want," Reding said, although she said the Commission, the EU's executive, would wait until it had finalised its policy on drug abuse in sport and on a proposed sports "Action Plan" before publishing proposals on Bosman.

Earlier this month Sepp Blatter, president of soccer's world governing body FIFA, said he was hopeful of reaching rapid agreement with the EU authorities on new rules governing the transfer of players.

Blatter said FIFA

wanted to ensure that clubs which develop young players are fully compensated for losing them to bigger teams and that those which sell players under contract are compensated, while keeping a cap on transfer fees.

"We're developing new regulations in time for our meeting in December in Tokyo and have already opened contact with the authorities in Brussels at several levels," Blatter said.

Reding said the 15-member EU should be given greater power to legislate on sport in the review of its governing treaty due to take place next year.

The EU's Amsterdam Treaty currently includes only a protocol on sport and this does not allow the bloc to propose binding laws.

"I advocate the introduction into the treaty of a sports dimension. It's fine to have a protocol on sport but that doesn't give us a legal base."

Reding's officials are working on a sports action plan, which Commission President Romano Prodi will present to EU heads of government at their December summit.

TV GUIDE

* All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time

Tuesday, October 26	Italian Serie A (LIVE) Optus Vision (ESPN) 10.55pm - 1am
Brazilian National Football Vitoria v Parana Optus Vision (ESPN) 5pm - 7pm	UEFA Champions League AC Milan v Chelsea (LIVE) Optus Vision (ESPN) 4.30am - 6.45am (Wednesday morning)
UEFA Champions League AC Milan v Chelsea (LIVE) Optus Vision (ESPN) 10pm - 12am	UEFA Champions League Lazio v Bayen Leverkusen Optus Vision (ESPN) 11pm - 1am
Wednesday, October 27	Wednesday, October 27
UEFA Champions League Rangers v Valencia Optus Vision (ESPN) 6.45am - 9am	European Soccer Show Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12) 12.30pm - 1.30pm
English Premier League Show Fox Sports 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Soccer Scene Fox Sports 5.30pm - 6.30pm
UEFA Champions League Real Madrid v Olympiakos Optus Vision (ESPN) 5pm - 7pm	National Soccer League Canberra Cosmos v Perth Glory (LIVE) Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12) 7.30pm - 9.30pm
UEFA Champions League AC Milan v Chelsea Optus Vision (ESPN) 9pm - 11pm	National Soccer League Auckland Kingz v Wollongong Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12) 10.30pm - 12.30am
UEFA Champions League Rangers v Valencia Optus Vision (ESPN) 11pm - 1am	National Soccer League Highlights Show ABC TV 5pm - 7pm
UEFA Champions League Arsenal v Fiorentina (LIVE) Optus Vision (ESPN) 4.30am - 6.45am (Thursday morning)	Saturday, October 30
UEFA Champions League Lazio v Bayer Leverkusen Optus Vision (ESPN) 6.45am - 9am	French Premier League Marseille v Lyon Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13) 10am - 12pm
US Major League Soccer Playoff Semi-Final Game 3 LA Galaxy v Colorado Rapids (LIVE) Optus Vision (ESPN) 1pm - 3pm	Scottish Premier League Teams TBA Fox Sports 1pm - 3pm
UEFA Champions League Croatia Zagreb v Manchester Utd. Optus Vision (ESPN) 5pm - 7pm	UEFA Champions League PSV Eindhoven v Bayern Munich Optus Vision (ESPN) 1pm - 3pm
Spanish Premier Division Teams TBA Fox Sports 8.30pm - 10.30pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights SBS TV 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Soccer Central Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12) 10.30pm - 11.30pm	World Soccer SBS TV 4.30pm - 5.30pm
UEFA Champions League Arsenal v Fiorentina Optus Vision (ESPN) 9pm - 11pm	English Premier League (Repeat) SBS TV 5.30pm - 6.30pm
National Soccer League Brisbane v Parramatta (LIVE) Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12) 7pm - 9pm	English Premier League Highlights SBS TV 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday, November 2	Italian Serie A Optus Vision (ESPN) 2am - 4am (Tuesday morning)
English Premier League Liverpool v Bradford 6.30am - 9.30am	



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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group A
 Maribor Teatanic 0 Lazio 4 (Sinisa Mihajlovic 34, Simone Inzaghi 50, 74, Dejan Stankovic 63)
Dynamo Kiev 4 (Vitaly Kosovsky 4, Maxim Shatskikh 36, Alexander Holovko 61, Vladislav Vashchyuk 89) **Bayer Leverkusen 2** (Ulf Kirsten 12, Oliver Neuville 49)

Group B
 Fiorentina 3 (Gabriel Batistuta 5, Enrico Chiesa 36, Abel Balbo 86) **AIK Stockholm 0** **Arsenal 2** (Dennis Bergkamp 44, Marc Overmars 84)
Barcelona 4 (Rivaldo 15 pen, Luis Enrique Martinez 16, Luis Figo 56, Phillip Cocu 70)

Group C
Borussia Dortmund 0 **Rosenborg Trondheim 3** (Jan Derek Sorensen 17, 58, Fredrik Winsnes 70)
Feyenoord 1 (Jon Dahl Tomasson 75) **Boavista 1** (Ion Timofte 81pen)

Group D
Sturm Graz 1 (Tomislav Kocjan 40) **Croatia Zagreb 0**, **Olympique Marseille 1** (William Gallas 69) **Manchester United 0**.

Group E
Porto 2 (Mario Jardel 13, 35) **Real Madrid 1** (Emilio Peixe 68og) **Molde 3** (Andreas Lund 55, 59, Daniel Berg Hestad 74) **Olympiakos Piraeus 2** (Dimitrios Mavrogenidis 36, Zlatko Zahovic 40)

Group F
Rangers 4 (Lorenzo Amoruso 19, Michael Mols 39, 80, Neil McCann 56) **PSV Eindhoven 1** (Ruud Van Nistelrooy 45pen) **Valencia 1** (Adrian Ilie 10) **Bayern Munich 1** (Stefan Effenberg 17pen)

Group G
Spartak Moscow 1 (Andrei Tikhonov 54pen) **Girondins Bordeaux 2** (Johan Micoud 22, Sylvain Wiltord 74) **Willem II Tilburg 3** (Mariano Bombarda 1, Dmitri Shoukov 6, Mark Schenning 50) **Sparta Prague 4** (Jiri Novotny 17, Vladimir Labant 54pen, 90 pen, Miroslav Baranek 62).

Group H
Hertha Berlin 1 (Dariusz Wosz 41) **AC Milan 0**, **Galatasaray 0** **Chelsea 5** (Tore Andre Flo 32, 49, Gianfranco Zola 54, Dennis Wise 79, Gabriele Ambrosetti 88)

UEFA CUP

SECOND ROUND FIRST LEG
 Slavia Prague 3 (Ivo Ulich 20, 50, Tomas Kuchar 39) **Grasshoppers 1** (Hakan Yakin 23) **Levski Sofia 1** (Serge Yoffou 55) **Juventus 3** (Sunday Oliseh 24, Darko Kovacevic 53, 89) **Inter Bratislava 0** **Nantes 3** (Antoine Sibierski 26pen, Frederic Da Rocha 34, Eric Carriere 86) **Widzew Lodz 1** (Artur Wichairek 5pen) **AS Monaco 1** (Ludovic Giuly 40) **Werder Bremen 0** **Viking Stavanger 0**, **IFK Gothenburg 0** **AS Roma 2** (Vincenzo Montella 37, 51) **Teplice 1** (Pavel Verbir 67) **Real Mallorca 2** (Diego Tristan 28, 32) **Steaua Bucharest 2** (Laurentiu Rosu 41, Sabin Ilie 58) **West Ham United 0**, **PAOK Salonika 1** (Costas Franzekos 89) **Benfica 2** (Nuno Gomes 68, Ronaldo Guiaro 90) **MTK Budapest 2** (Gabor Egressy 28, Karoly Eros 35) **AEK 1** (Dragan Cacic 62) **FC Zurich 1** (Pascal Castillo 68) **Newcastle United 2** (Silvio Maric 51, Alan Shearer 60) **Anderlecht 2** (Jan Koller 19, 37) **Bologna 1** (Giuseppe Signori 90) **Graz AK 2** (Andreas Lipa 57, Igor Pantic 81) **Panathinaikos 1** (Igor Sypniewski 64) **Roda JC Kerkrade 0** **VfL Wolfsburg 0**, **Olympique Lyon 1** (Serge Blanc 63) **Celtic 0**, **Leeds United 4** (Lee Bowyer 27, 45, Alan Smith 56, Harry Kewell 83) **Lokomotiv Moscow 1** (Dmitry Loskov 80) **Parma 1** (Fabio Cannavaro 44) **Helsingborg 0**, **Hapoel Haifa 0** **Ajax Amsterdam 3** (Nikos Machlas 3, Richard Knopper 12, Brian Laudrup 56) **Atletico Madrid 1** (Ruben Baraja 84) **Amica Wronki 0**, **Aris Salonika 2** (Paolo Andreoli 45, Nick Kyeridis 68) **Celta Vigo 2** (Valery Karpin 40, 41) **Udinese 1** (Roberto Carlos Sosa 29) **Legia Warsaw 0**, **Deportivo Coruna 3** (Pauleta Resendes 17, Djalminha 50pen, Roy Makaay 53) **Montpellier 1** (Philippe Delaey 6) **Playing Thursday, October 28**: Tottenham v Kaiserslautern, Lens v Vitesse.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton 4 **Leeds United 4**, Watford 1 Middlesbrough 3, West Ham United 1 Sunderland 1, Aston Villa 1 **Wimbledon 1**, Bradford City 3 **Leicester City 1**, Chelsea 2 **Arsenal 3**, **Sheffield Wednesday 0**, Coventry City 0, Southampton 1 Liverpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3 Manchester United 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
1. Leeds United	12	8	2	2	25	16 26
2. Arsenal	12	8	1	3	20	12 25
3. Sunderland	12	7	3	2	21	10 24
4. Manchester United	12	7	3	2	28	19 24
5. Tottenham Hotspur	11	6	2	3	20	15 20
6. Leicester City	12	6	2	4	20	17 20
7. Chelsea	10	6	1	3	17	7 19
8. Everton	12	5	3	4	21	18 18
9. Aston Villa	12	5	3	4	13	12 18
10. Middlesbrough	12	6	0	6	16	16 18
11. West Ham United	10	5	2	3	12	9 17
12. Liverpool	11	4	3	4	12	11 15
13. Coventry City	12	3	4	5	16	15 13
14. Southampton	11	3	3	5	18	22 12
15. Wimbledon	12	2	6	4	18	26 12
16. Bradford City	11	3	2	6	9	17 11
17. Derby County	11	2	3	6	10	19 9
18. Watford	12	3	0	9	8	18 9
19. Newcastle United	11	2	1	8	21	27 7
20. Sheffield Wednesday	12	1	2	9	8	27 5

Leading Scorers

13 - Kevin Phillips (Sunderland)
 10 - Alan Shearer (Newcastle United)
 9 - Michael Bridges (Leeds United)
 8 - Dwight Yorke (Manchester United), Andy Cole (Manchester United), Dion Dublin (Aston Villa)
 7 - Muzzy Izzet (Leicester City), Nwankwo Kanu (Arsenal), Kevin Campbell (Everton)
 6 - John Hartson (Wimbledon), Marians Pahars (Southampton), Steffen Iversen (Tottenham)
 5 - Davor Suker (Arsenal), Robbie Keane (Coventry City), Tony Cottee (Leicester City), Paolo Di Canio (West Ham United), Brian Deane (Middlesbrough)

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Norwich 2 **Bolton 1**, Charlton 0 **West Bromwich 0**, Crewe 0 **Barnsley 1**, Crystal Palace 2 **Tranmere 2**, Grimsby 1 **Birmingham 1**, Huddersfield 1 **Fulham 1**, Manchester City 2 **Blackburn 0**, Nottingham Forest 1 **Stockport 1**, Queens Park Rangers 0 **Portsmouth 0**, Swindon 2 **Sheffield United 2**, Walsall 0 **Ipwich 1**, Wolverhampton 2 **Port Vale 2**.

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
1. Manchester City	13	8	2	3	18	7 26
2. Ipswich	12	7	2	3	26	16 23
3. Charlton	11	7	2	2	20	11 23
4. Fulham	12	6	5	1	15	7 23
5. Birmingham	14	6	4	4	22	15 22
6. Barnsley	13	7	1	5	26	23 22
7. Stockport	13	6	4	3	16	16 22
8. Huddersfield	13	5	4	4	23	17 19
9. Queens Park Rangers	12	5	4	3	16	12 19
10. Wolverhampton	13	4	6	3	13	14 18
11. Nottingham Forest	13	4	5	4	19	15 17
12. Bolton	13	4	4	5	19	17 16
13. Norwich	13	4	4	5	12	14 16
14. Portsmouth	12	4	4	4	16	19 16
15. Grimsby	13	4	4	5	14	18 16
16. Sheffield United	13	4	4	5	18	23 16
17. Blackburn	12	3	5	4	14	13 14
18. West Bromwich	12	2	8	2	10	10 14
19. Crystal Palace	13	3	5	5	19	23 14
20. Tranmere	14	3	4	7	16	24 13
21. Port Vale	14	3	3	8	16	22 12
22. Crewe	12	3	3	6	14	21 12
23. Walsall	14	3	3	8	11	24 12
24. Swindon	14	2	4	8	10	22 10

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Bristol Rovers 0 **Notts County 1**, Burnley 2 **Bristol City 0**, Bury 2 **Bournemouth 2**, Chesterfield 1 **Scunthorpe 1**, Colchester 1 **Millwall 2**, Gillingham 2 **Cambridge 1**, Oldham 1 **Reading 2**, Oxford 0 **Luton 1**, Preston 2 **Brentford 1**, Stoke 2 **Wrexham 0**, Wigan 2 **Cardiff 0**, Wycombe 0 **Blackpool 2**.

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
1. Notts County	13	9	2	2	2	11 29
2. Stoke	14	8	3	3	23	14 27
3. Bristol Rovers	14	8	3	3	17	10 27
4. Wigan	12	7	5	0	23	9 26

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
1 St Mirren	11	7	3	1	30	14 24
2 Dunfermline	11	5	6	0	20	10 21
3 Livingston	11	5	4	2	20	13 19
4 Raith	11	5	3	3	22	19 18
5 Falkirk	11	5	2	4	18	19 17
6 Ayr	11	4	1	6	14	19 13
7 Airdrie	11	3	4	4	9	17 13
8 G Morton	11	3	3	5	17	19 12
9 Inverness CT	11	2	4	5	12	18 10
10 Clydebank	11	0	2	9	8	22 2

WORLD

Excludes Monday games

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

Celta Vigo 2 Espanyol 1, Atletico Madrid 3
 Valladolid 1, Oviedo 1 Numancia 0, Mallorca 2
 Malaga 1, Rayo Vallecano 1 Real Betis 3, Real
 Sociedad 1 Alaves 1, Real Zaragoza 4 Racing
 Santander 1, Barcelona 4 Athletic Bilbao 0, Sevilla 1
 Real Madrid 1, Valencia 2 Deportivo Coruna 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Barcelona	9	6	2	1	23	9	20
2. Rayo Vallecano	9	6	1	2	12	8	19
3. Celta Vigo	9	6	0	3	11	9	18
4. Real Zaragoza	9	5	2	2	16	6	17
5. Deportivo Coruna	9	4	3	2	16	11	15
6. Racing Santander	9	4	2	3	17	15	14
7. Espanyol	9	4	2	3	12	13	13
8. Real Betis	9	4	1	4	8	13	13
9. Real Madrid	9	2	6	1	17	14	12
10. Alaves	3	2	4	8	10	11	
11. Valladolid	9	3	2	4	9	12	11
12. Athletic Bilbao	9	3	2	4	12	16	11
13. Oviedo	9	3	2	4	8	12	11
14. Valencia	9	3	1	5	12	11	10
15. Real Mallorca	9	3	1	5	13	14	10
16. Atletico Madrid	9	3	1	5	11	15	10
17. Real Sociedad	9	2	3	4	12	16	9
18. Numancia	9	2	3	4	9	17	9
19. Sevilla	9	1	5	3	11	11	8
20. Malaga	9	2	2	5	14	18	8

Leading Scorers

13 - Salva Ballesta (Racing Santander)
 10 - Savo Milosevic (Real Zaragoza)
 7 - Catana (Malaga), Dani Garcia (Barcelona)
 6 - Rivaldo (Barcelona)
 5 - Djalmimha (Deportivo Coruna), Raul Gonzalez (Real Madrid) Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Atletico Madrid), Victor Fernandez (Valladolid)
 4 - Miguel Angel Benitez (Espanyol), Roy Makaay (Deportivo Coruna), Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid), Vassilis Tsartas (Sevilla), Luis Figo (Barcelona)
 3 - Pauleta Resendes (Deportivo Coruna), Juan Carlos Gomez (Sevilla), Bolo Perez (Rayo Vallecano), Victor Bonilla (Real Sociedad), Dely Valdes (Oviedo), Valery Karpin (Celta Vigo), Gaizka Mendieta (Valencia), Diego Tristan (Mallorca), Carlos Dominguez (Mallorca), Josefa Etxeberria (Atletico Bilbao), Roberto Losada (Oviedo), Mauricio Astudillo (Alaves)

GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

VfL Wolfsburg 1 MSV Duisburg 0, Borussia Dortmund 1 Werder Bremen 3, Kaiserslautern 0
 Bayern Munich 2, Hertha Berlin 1 VfB Stuttgart 1, TSV 1860 Munich 0 Hamburg SV 0, SSV Ulm 1
 SpVgg Unterhaching 0, SC Freiburg 0 Bayer Leverkusen 0, Hansa Rostock 2 Arminia Bielefeld 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Schalke 04 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Borussia Dortmund	9	6	1	2	14	6	19
2. Hamburg SV	9	5	3	1	19	9	18
3. Bayer Leverkusen	9	5	3	1	15	8	18
4. Bayern Munich	9	5	2	2	13	9	17
5. Schalke 04	9	4	3	2	12	9	15
6. VfL Wolfsburg	9	4	3	2	14	14	15
7. TSV 1860 Munich	9	4	2	3	15	10	14
8. Hansa Rostock	9	4	1	4	13	20	13
9. Werder Bremen	9	3	3	3	20	12	12
10. SC Freiburg	9	3	3	3	15	10	12
11. Hertha Berlin	9	2	5	2	13	15	11
12. VfB Stuttgart	9	3	2	4	8	12	11
13. 1. FC Kaiserslautern	9	3	1	5	12	20	10
14. Arminia Bielefeld	9	2	3	4	7	14	9
15. SpVgg Unterhaching	9	2	2	5	8	12	8
16. SSV Ulm	9	2	2	5	10	16	8
17. Eintracht Frankfurt	9	2	1	6	10	15	7
18. MSV Duisburg	9	0	4	5	9	16	4

Leading Scorers

7 - Jonathan Akpoborie (VfL Wolfsburg)
 5 - Bachirou Salou (Eintracht Frankfurt), Adel Sellimi (SC Freiburg) Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen), Martin Max (1860 Munich), Claudio Pizarro (Werder Bremen), Marco Bode (Werder Bremen)
 4 - Roy Praeger (Hamburg SV), Olaf Marschall (Kaiserslautern), Giovane Elber (Bayern Munich), Magnus Arvidsson (Hansa Rostock), Ebbe Sand (Schalke 04).

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

Monaco v AJ Auxerre postponed, Montpellier 1
 Bastia 1, Racing Strasbourg 3 Nantes 2, Metz 3 Le

Havre 0, Paris St Germain 3 Sedan 2, Troyes 0
 Racing Lens 1, Olympique Lyon 2 Nancy 1, Girondins Bordeaux 2 Olympique Marseille 1, Stade Rennes 4 St Etienne 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Olympique Lyon	12	7	3	2	15	8	24
2. AJ Auxerre	11	7	2	2	19	13	23
3. Girondins Bordeaux	12	6	3	3	21	16	21
4. Paris St Germain	12	6	3	3	18	14	21
5. Monaco	11	6	2	3	24	12	20
6. Metz	12	4	6	2	16	9	18
7. Olympique Marseille	12	4	5	3	15	12	17
8. Stade Rennes	12	5	2	5	19	18	17
9. St Etienne	12	4	4	4	19	21	16
10. Racing Strasbourg	12	4	4	4	13	17	16
11. Sedan	12	5	1	6	18	23	16
12. Bastia	12	3	5	4	15	18	14
13. Racing Lens	12	4	2	6	8	14	14
14. Nancy	12	3	3	6	17	18	12
15. Nantes	12	4	0	8	13	16	12
16. Montpellier	12	3	3	6	14	19	12
17. Troyes	12	4	0	8	10	17	12
18. Le Havre	12	2	4	6	11	20	10

Leading Scorers

9 - David Trezeguet (Monaco), Lilian Laslandes (Girondins Bordeaux)
 8 - Stephane Guivarc'h (AJ Auxerre), Marco Simone (Monaco), Sonny Anderson (Olympique Lyon)
 7 - Alex (St Etienne)
 6 - Sylvain Wiltord (Bordeaux), Tony Cascarino (Nancy), Mickael Madar (Paris St Germain)
 5 - Fabrizio Ravanelli (Olympique Marseille), Cedric Mionnet (Sedan), Shabani Nonda (Stade Rennes), Olivier Echouafni (Racing Strasbourg)

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

Ajax 6 Den Bosch 1, Feyenoord 2 NEC Nijmegen 1, Utrecht 4 RKC Waalwijk 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0
 Vitesse Arnhem 1, Cambuur Leeuwarden 1, Graafschap Doetinchem 0, Willem II Tilburg 1 MVV Maastricht 0, PSV Eindhoven 2 Twente Enschede 2, Fortuna Sittard 3 Sparta Rotterdam 2, AZ Alkmaar 0 Heerenveen 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Ajax Amsterdam	10	8	2	0	37	14	26
2. PSV Eindhoven	9	8	1	0	42	8	25
3. Willem II Tilburg	10	7	1	2	21	19	22
4. Roda JC Kerkrade	10	6	1	3	16	12	19
5. Heerenveen	10	6	1	3	16	12	19
6. Feyenoord	10	5	3	2	18	8	18
7. Vitesse Arnhem	10	5	3	2	18	14	18
8. Twente Enschede	10	4	5	1	14	9	17
9. AZ Alkmaar	10	5	1	4	19	16	16
10. Utrecht	10	5	0	5	13	15	15
11. RKC Waalwijk	10	4	2	4	14	19	14
12. Sparta Rotterdam	10	3	0	7	16	26	9
13. Graafschap	10	1	4	5	9	13	7
14. Fortuna Sittard	10	2	1	7	12	20	7
15. MVV Maastricht	10	1	2	7	13	28	5
16. Cambuur Leeuwarden	10	1	2	7	7	22	5
17. Den Bosch	10	1	2	7	11	31	5
18. NEC Nijmegen	9	1	1	7	12	22	4

Leading Scorers

16 - Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven)
 11 - Pierre Van Hooijdonk (Vitesse Arnhem)
 9 - Richard Knopper (Ajax Amsterdam), Brian Laudrup (Ajax)
 8 - Luc Nilis (PSV)
 7 - Mariano Bombarda (Willem II Tilburg), Barry van Galen (AZ Alkmaar), Nikos Machlas (Ajax)
 5 - John Bosman (AZ), Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (Twente Enschede), Arnold Bruggink (PSV), Rick Hoogendorp (RKC Waalwijk), Ronald Hamming (Fortuna Sittard), Osmane Sanou (Willem II)

BELGIUM FIRST DIVISION

Mouscron 3 Beveren 0, Harelbeke 1 Aalst 1, Anderlecht 4 Verbroecking Geel 0, Genk 1 Club Bruges 0, Ghent 4 Sint-Truiden 2, Standard Liege 4 Lommel 1, Charleroi

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Total

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Away

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
CARLTON	4	3	1	0	10	2	10	2	1	1	0	3	2	2	2	0	0	7	0	
BRISBANE STRIKERS	4	3	1	0	6	3	10	2	1	1	0	4	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	4	2	2	0	8	3	8	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	5	0	
PERTH GLORY	4	2	2	0	7	3	8	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	4	0	
SOUTH MELBOURNE	4	2	0	2	6	3	6	2	2	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	
CANBERRA COSMOS	4	2	0	2	6	4	6	3	1	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	4	1	3	0	7	5	6	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	1	1	0	4	2
MARCONI STALLIONS	4	1	2	1	6	9	5	1	0	0	1	0	4	3	1	2	0	6	5	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	4	1	2	1	5	8	5	2	1	0	1	2	5	2	0	2	0	3	3	
PARRAMATTA POWER	4	1	1	2	6	7	4	3	1	1	1	5	5	1	0	0	1	1	2	
NORTHERN SPIRIT	4	1	1	2	4	6	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	1	1	4	4	
SYDNEY UNITED	4	1	1	2	4	6	4	3	1	0	2	3	5	1	0	1	0	1	1	
ADELAIDE FORCE	4	1	1	2	3	6	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	1	5	
AUCKLAND KINGZ	4	1	1	2	3	6	4	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	3	
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	4	0	2	2	2	6	2	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	4	
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	4	0	0	4	2	8	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	4	

Parramatta Power

(J Griffiths 25, 48)

Canberra Cosmos

(I De Jesus 4, 25, D Watkins 58)

Venue: Parramatta Stadium. Crowd: 5,100 Referee: D Rugg. Cautions: D Winnie(CC) 2, M Blagovc (PP) 2, D Milan (CC) 9, G Barlow (CC) 25, R Plesa (PP) 30, I De Jesus (CC) 66. Red Cards: D Milan (CC) 63, G Gonzalez (PP) 86. Teams: **Parramatta Power**: Crews, Santalab, Eagleton, Plesa, (Angelucci 68), Vrkic (Elrich 63), Burns, Sterjovski (Gibson), Griffiths, Berry, Blagojevic, Bennett. **Canberra Cosmos**: Barlow, Milin, Burt, Polak, Winnie, Watkins, (Musitano 72), Hamilton, James (Kolpak), Hooker, De Jesus (Popovich 68), Gonzalez.

Newcastle Breakers

(J Buonavoglia 6)

Auckland Kingz

(W Rufer 86)

Venue: Breakers Stadium. Crowd: 6045 Referee: C Diomis. Cautions: D Mennillo (AK) 19; I Vicelich (AK) 89. Teams: **Newcastle Breakers**: Caitlin, Pryce, Roberts, McManus, Dodd (Tomich 80); Wilson, Buonavoglia, Angievski, Owens (Sprod 15); Trpcavski (Juchniewicz 59); Harper. **Auckland Kingz**: Utting, Bunce, Perry, De Jong, Mennillo, Middleby (Stergiopoulos 80); Ngata (Jackson 50); Osman, Silva (Rufer 56); Moya, Vicelich.

Perth Glory

Adelaide Force

Venue: Perth Oval. Crowd: 13,390 Referee: E Lennie. Cautions: A. Vidmar (AF) 34, M. Cartwright (AF) 44, C. Veart (AF) 62, S. Miller (PG) 76. Teams: **Perth Glory**: T. Franken, R. Trajkovski, S. Miller, G. Naven, J. Harnwell, E. Junior, T. Halpin (J. Carbone 58), I. Ergic, A. Edwards (H. Thorp 84), B. Despotovski, C. Boutsianis. **Adelaide Force**: V. Knezevic, I. Zelic, A. Tobin, D. Mori, C. Veart, A. Vidmar, N. Day (M. Kemp 83), M. Cartwright, A. Costanzo, B. Hassell, D. K. Kim.

South Melbourne

(M Curcija 33, 71, C Blatsis 57)

Gippsland Falcons

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 7,863 Referee: S Micallef. Cautions: Blatsis (SM) 26, Coveny (SM) 39, Fak (GF) 40, Savage (GF) 57, Bell (GF) 60, Nilo (GF) 65, Clarkson (SM) 72, F De Amicis (SM) 79. Teams: **South Melbourne**: Udarac, Iosifidis, DeAmicis, Orlc, Blatsis, Clarkson, Panopoulos, Coveny, (Anastasiadis 66), Trimboli (Magnacca 66), Curcija (Tsekiris 77), Goutzioulis. **Gippsland**: Jevdjovic, Fak, Gotis, MacNicol, Vargas (Kakos 64), Bell, Puca, Hutchinson (Hastie 64), Savage, Marchna, Nilo.

Carlton SC

(A Marth 51, L Lapansky 70)

Melbourne Knights

(M Trupkovic 85)

Venue: Olympic Park. Crowd: 4,105. Referee: M Breeze. Cautions: Kovacevic (MK) 22, Packer (C) 26, McPherson (C) 43, Nastevski (MK) 37, Douglas (C) 44, Terminello (C) 51, Vukadin (MK) 59. Teams: **Carlton SC**: Anastasiadis, McPherson, Deans, Douglas, Marth (Markovski 82), Lapsansky, Thompson (Moreira 90), Conroy, Terminello (Atkinson 71), Tricarico, Packer. **Melbourne Knights**: John, Vargas, Vukadin (Rajher 75), Silic, Nastevski, Urlović (Kiratzoglu 61), Magdic (Reda 75), Susa, Banini, Kovacevic, Trupkovic.

Brisbane Strikers

(P Foster 7, P Grierson 40)

Northern Spirit

(M Bingley 35, A Saad 89)

Venue: Suncorp Metway Stadium Crowd: 4,009 Referee: G Connolly. Cautions: Casserley (NS) 49, McLaren (BS) 67. Teams: **Brisbane Strikers**: Bolton, Gwynne, Davidson, Ditton, Pilic, Foster, Dwyer, McLaren, Grierson, Harris (Langone 90), Meredith. **Northern Spirit**: Perosh, Enes (Sobjczyk 64), Langdown, Bingley, Rudan, Casserly, Slater (S Cranney 17), Perinch, Seal (Saad 45), T Cranney, Arnold.

Sydney Olympic

(Tsekiris 77)

Wollongong Wolves

(Young 77)

Venue: Belmore Sports Ground Crowd: 5,035. Referee: B Hugo. Cautions: Nil. Teams: **Sydney Olympic**: Bouhoutsos, Tsekiris, Juric, Baillie, Emerton, Philips (Mendez 63), Thomas, Zorbas, Wilson, Cardozo, Arambasic (N. Carle 69). **Wollongong Wolves**: Pogliacomi, Horsley, Souris, Stanton, D. Cervinski, Harlock, Reid (Huxley 71), Spencer (Surjan 71), Chipperfield, Masi (Petrovski 83), Young.

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LEADING GOALSCORERS

A Marth	(Carlton SC)	4
M Curcija	(Sth Melbourne)	4
Z Babic	(Marconi Stallions)	3
C Boutsianis	(Perth Glory)	3
P Cardozo	(Sydney Olympic)	3
P Foster	(Brisbane Strikers)	3
D Watkins	(Canberra Cosmos)	3
P Bennett	(Parramatta Power)	2
J Buonavoglia	(Newcastle Breakers)	2
B Despotovski	(Perth Glory)	2
J Griffiths	(Parramatta Power)	2
M Jerman	(Sydney United)	2
E Masi	(Wollongong Wolves)	2
A Moreira	(Carlton SC)	2
D Mori	(Adelaide Force)	2

ROUND FIVE

Friday 29 October

Northern Spirit v Sydney Olympic
North Sydney Oval 7.30pm

Adelaide Force v Carlton SC
Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

Canberra Cosmos v Perth Glory
Bruce Stadium 7.30pm

Auckland Kingz v Wollongong
North Harbour Stadium 7.30pm

Saturday 30 October

Brisbane v Parramatta
Suncorp Metway Stadium 7pm

Gippsland v Newcastle
Falcons Stadium 7pm

Sunday 31 October

Marconi v Sth Melbourne
Marconi Stadium 6pm

Melbourne Knights v Sydney United
Knights Stadium 3pm